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Jobless total worst for four years

Tories battered by fallout from 'black Thursday'

BY ROBIN OAKLEY AND ROSS TIEMAN

THE Chancellor of the Exchequer was yesterday placed under enormous pressure to revive Tory fortunes with his Budget after the government faced a "black Thursday" of gloomy statistics.

Ministers privately admitted concern about Labour's accusations of "government paralysis" in the face of the recession and Michael Howard, the employment secretary, surprised colleagues by announcing that Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, would introduce a "Budget

Downing Street admitted cabinet "disappointment" with yesterday's sharp rise in jobless figures but denied that any special Budget package was on the way. Mr Lamont would, however, be continuing policies designed to restore steady growth and rising investment.

The employment depart-ment figures showed that the number of people out of work had risen to more than 2.6 million for the first time in

Seven die in **US floods**

At least seven people are feared dead in flooding after the worst storm for 100 years hit California.

The storm threatened to wash away mansions in the ty of Malibu, where many film stars and other figures in the entertainment industry live.....

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Cervical cancer screening results vary widely and may be putting women at risk, the National Audit Office

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Democrats are putting more pressure on Mario Cuomo, New York's gover-

Job seekers

Young Britons base their social life on the pub and spurn education and training in favour of the first available job, according to a study by the Economic and Social Research

Hanson fall

Hanson, the conglomerate run by Lord Hanson and Lord White, reported its first drop in profits in its 29-year history. In the three months to the end of December pre-tax profits fell 6 per cent to £226 ... Page 19 million...

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unemployed people soared by 122,137 in January to 2,673,864. It was the 22nd consecutive monthly rise and means the rate of unemployment has risen by 0.4 per cent to 9.4 per cent. This bad news, which was much worse than the City had

predicted, was accompanied by figures showing that mort-gage repossessions and arrears were both running at record levels. More than 72,000 homes were taken back by lenders last year. The number of people between six and 12 months behind with repayments rose by a half and the number of homeowners more than 12 months in arrears had tripled to 91,700.

The increase in the number of people out of work since March 1990, when the impact of the present recession began to affect unemployment figures, now exceeds more than one million. The count excludes 450,400 people on government train-ing or business start-up

After making adjustments for seasonal distortions caused by Christmas and the new year, the employment department calculated an underlying increase of 53,000, to 2,604,000 people unemployed last month. The increase was about 20,000 more than the City expected and it has prompted fears that an upward trend has

Tory MPs were also unsetof poor results and redundancies from industrial giants. Ford announced a record £590 million loss yesterday and it has already said it will have to shed 2,100 jobs. British Aerospace has also said that 2,300 jobs will be lost.

Senior ministers conceded that support for the govern-ment is likely to fall in the next batch of opinion polls just as John Major must decide whether he will go to the polls on April 9. Although the prime minister need not call an election on that date until mid-March, ministers agree that a last-minute decision not to face the electorate then could harm Tory prospects.

Deciding to get rid of as much bad news as possible on one day, ministers chose to announce an increase of 10 per cent, or 35p on prescrip-

four years. The number of tion charges, although they pointed out that only one in six people needing medecine paid the charges because ofopposition MPs were swift to exploit what some were calling the government's "black Thursday". Neil Kinnock passionately denounced Mr Major in the Commons for design perhaps in the force.

for doing nothing in the face of the recession. He said that more than 840,000 people had lost their jobs since the prime minister acquired his. When Mr Major conceded that the latest figures were

"disappointing", Mr Kinnock replied that they were
"devastating" for those concerned. "This government
caused the recession, they
have continued it and now they have let it get out of control," he said. "This government is guilty on all

Mr Major said the government was working to create long-term permanent jobs. "That's why we have been working to reduce inflation, with success, to bring down interest rates, with success, and cut direct tax rates, with

As Mr Kinnock accused him of "crossing his fingers and closing his eyes" in vain hopes of a recovery, Mr Major said Labour's own plans would "spell disaster" for the economy and jobs. Britain, he said, had a higher proportion of its population in work than any European Community nation apart from Denmark.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, said that the government was only partly to blame for the recession but he accused Mr Major of offering complacency rather than leadership.

Tony Blair, the shadow employment secretary, said that the unemployment figures laid bare "the colossal incompetence of Tory economic mismanagement. From now until polling day we will re-mind the people of Britain that the Tories promised there would be no recession and there was; that it would be shallow when in fact it was deep; and that a recovery was under way when it wasn't," he

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Prescriptions rise by double inflation rate

By JEREMY LAURANCE AND JILL SHERMAN

PRESCRIPTION charges will rise on April 1 by 35p, to £3.75, more than double the rate of inflation. It is the fourteenth rise since the government came to power, taking the charge to nearly 19 times its 1979 level of 20p.

Announcing the increase in a Commons written reply. Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, said the new charge was still less than half the average cost of a single prescription item to the NHS. It would raise £240 million towards the total drugs bill of over £2 billion.

Only one in six presciptions are paid for, compared with

one in three under Labour, Mrs Bottomley added. The rest are dispensed free to people who are exempt from the charges. "No child, no pensioner and no person on income support is affected by the increase," she said.

The rise was condemned by Opposition parties as a tax on the sick. Robin Cook, shadow health spokesman said: "This is more proof that the Tories want a pay-as-you-go health service. If they have money for tax cuts, they must have the money to hold down prescription charges."

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Jury clears builder in **IRA** case

A BUILDING worker, accused of plotting a mainland bombing campaign with the two IRA suspects who escaped from Brixton prison, walked free from court yester-day after a jury cleared him of the three charges he faced. The jury deliberated over

two days to clear William McKane, aged 25, of conspir-ing with Nessan Quintivan and Pearse McAuley. On Wednesday, he was cleared of conspiracy to murder Sir Charles Tidbury, the former head of Whitbread brewery.

His acquittal may now prompt a review by prosecution lawyers on how widely they can draw conspiracy charges in alleged terrorism cases. Within the past year, Scotland Yard and the Crown Prosecution Service has lost three such cases.

Mr McKane, from north London, who was hugged by his waiting wife Siobhan, said outside the Central Criminal court: "I happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. My wife almost had a nervous breakdown.

The family is in tatters." The prosecution had alleged that Mr McKane was part of a six-man active IRA service unit. But he claimed that he had been duped by McAuley into looking after a Lada car in which police had found explosives.

11,000 UN troops are set for Croatia

BOUTROS Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretarygeneral, yesterday called for the despatch of 11,500 peacekeeping troops to Croatia. But he also made it clear that he had anxieties about the operation. He emphasised that it could only succeed with the full support of all groups

in fragmented Yugoslavia. Cyrus Vance, the UN special envoy, is said to have been particularly concerned that



Boutros Ghali: anxious about UN operation

failure to put a UN force into the enclaves of Croatia which are now under Serbian control would threaten the

But Marrack Goulding, the Briton in charge of peacekeeping operations, was more worried that the contingent would become trapped in a Full details, page 3 | Balkan quagmire. If the security council approves the move early next week as ex-pected, this will be the first time a United Nations force has ever been sent to continental Europe.

Diplomats said that the size of the force had been in-creased from 10,000 because of fears that the seven-week ceasefire negotiated by Mr Vance, the former American Secretary of State, would not

Dr Boutros Ghali briefed the five permanent members of the security council yesterday and won their support for the plan. Mr Goulding was later due to preside over a meeting of countries which might contribute troops.

The deployment in Croatia would, at a stroke, double the number of UN peacekeepers now on duty around the world. Britain has said it would not provide combat units for the operation, which is expected to cost between \$300 million (£166 million) and \$450 million a year. France is understood to be

ready to send 4,000 men. Croatia wants to have only troops of European origin on its soil. But the United Nations is adamant that the contingent must also draw on soldiers from the Third

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Dordogne urged to beat Anglo-Saxon conquest



to repel foreigners

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

THE substantial British colony of that corner of a foreign field which is forever the Dordogne will have slept uneasily last night in their converted farmhouses and restored artisans' dwellings. If France's far right-wing National Front party led by Jean-Marie Le Pen has its way, the Anglo-Saxon invasion of this beguiling corner of the country must be stopped before the Dordogne becomes, quelle horreur, an outpost of Her Bri-

tannic Majesty's empire. In the unyielding view of Jean-Yves le Gallou, head of the party's organisation in the Parisian region, the time has come to stop us, and the Dutch and the Germans, from forcing even more French farmers off their ancestral lands. Foreigners who have paid through the nose for a few hectares of neglected Dordogne meadow and a tumbledown barn may not see it quite this way, but M Le Gallou says he fears the day will come when the natives find themseves in a minority.
"I have no hatred or xenophobic feel-

ings towards the Dutch, the Anglo-Saxons or even the Saxons," he announced at a press conference in Paris yesterday. "But when 80 per cent of the population of the Dordogne will be English, then it will not quite be the Dordogne even if the English there are very amiable."

M Le Gallou has a point, as anyone who visits the region during British school holidays will quickly appreciate, what with the English-owned restaurants, the thriving Dordogne cricket league, the English-language newspaper advertising the services of trustworthy English workmen for the

conversions. As for the street markets, one does not have to oo far for the Guardian-reading classes in their bat-tered, ecologically acceptable Deux Cheveux (the locals prefer large shiny cars, especially if they have just sold an outhouse to the Brits).

On the other hand, one is not aware of the emergence of a Dordogne Liberation Front, and even if one did exist, its man interest would be driving the detested Parisians - easy identified by the '75" numberplates on their immaculate Range Rovers - from this far land. As for M Le Gallou and his party, the National Front's preoccupation is likely to remain the 4 million or so immigrants from France's former colonies in Africa. They are not much in evidence in Dordogne, where many a des. rural res. will be offered to outsiders with cash in the bank and a taste for the good life.

Lloyd's chief attacks slurs

BY PHILIP WEBSTER

AND JONATHAN PRYNN THE government faced calls last night to act over allegations of "structural rottenness" within the Lloyd's insurance market after fresh leaks by Conservative MPs to their Labour opponents ap-parently designed to bring their worries into the open.

The chairman of Lloyd's made a furious response to the Commons motions tabled by Labour MPs alleging that insiders at Lloyd's had made huge profits at the expense of outside investors. David Coleridge condemned the motions as "an unwarranted slur" and said they were "irr-

esponsible and dangerous". The government tried to keep at arm's length by emphasising that it had no powers to intervene directly. John Redwood, the corporate affairs minister, spoke to Mr Coleridge yesterday to pass on the allegations presented to him by a delegation of Conservative MPs.

In a radio interview, however, he suggested that they could pursue civil actions, go to the Lloyd's regulator or take any evidence of fraud to law officers of the Serious Fraud Office.

In a fresh twist Brian Sedgemore, Labour MP for, Hackney South and Shoreditch, and Marjorie Mowlam, the Opposition's City affairs spokesman, re-ceived through the internal Commons mail copies of a speech deeply critical of Lloyd's from Alfred Doll-Steinberg, chairman of one of main action groups representing Lloyd's names, to a Tory backbench meeting on January 28.

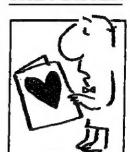
A handful of the 60 or so Conservative MPs who are Lloyd's "names" were said by their colleagues yesterday to have made severe losses. According to one Tory source six MPs stood to lose up to £100.000 and another some £250,000.

There was little sympathy among Tory MPs for any colleagues who had leaked their concerns to Labour

MPs. Mr Coleridge said: "The facts are very different to this catalogue of unsubstantiated allegations which represent a quite unwarranted slur on the worldwide reputation of Lloyd's and are harmful to Continued on page 16, col 1



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Thousands demonstrate against bill to ban fox-hunting



NEARLY 16,000 attended a dem-onstration in support of field sports yesterday, on the eve of the Commons debate of Kevin McNamara's bill to ban fox-hunting.

The demonstration, at the National Agriculture Centre, in Warwickshire, had been organised in less than a week by the British Field Sports Society, the Master of Foxhounds Association and the "Piccadilly Hunt", the group which successfully opposed the last attempt to ban fox hunting in 1949. They calculate that thou-sands of jobs would be lost in rural areas if the ban goes ahead. They also say that other country sports such as shooting, fishing, ferreting McNamara: bill will be and falconry could be banned. debated in House today Representatives from all those

Hunt supporters are defending their sport against a private member's bill which, they say, threatens thousands of jobs, writes David Young

sports as well as vets, farriers. sadlers, fodder merchants and makers of hunting pink joined the demonstration.

Peter Jones, a full-time huntsman with the Pytchley foxhounds from Northamptonshire, said: "Quite simply, if fox hunting is banned I will lose my job and my home. I have been with the Pytchley for the past 21 years and been a professional huntsman all my life. If fox hunting is banned, dozens of other jobs in the horse industry would also disappear, so there would be no chance of someone like me ever finding work

David Gulley, a farrier from Melton Mowbray, in Leicestershire, agreed. "During the winter months hunting provides us with the bulk of our work and, because of hunting, there are other people who keep horses for showjumping

and eventing," he said.

Blacksmiths and farriers have estimated that fox hunting provides up to 50 per cent of their. work in some areas and, if fox hunting was banned, many staff would have to be laid off during

winter. Walter Allen, a farrier, who is chairman of the Leicestershire branch of the Farriers National Association, said: "Should there ever be a ban on fox hunting, the number of apprentices being trained would have to be drastically reduced. All the other jobs relating to keeping hunters would also be affected with the resultant knock-on effect in small rural communities where employment, espe-

Although yesterday's demonstration had the air of a country show about it, the serious side will not be lost on MPs discussing today's motion. Two resolutions were sent from the meeting to Parliament asking them to reject

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servative MP and a Master of Foxhounds, said that the fight to keep country sports would continue even if the bill was passed.

Sir Stephen criticised the RSPCA for its support for antihunting organisations. He said: "We are here to counter the sanctimonious criticism of those who neither understand our traditions nor indeed the ways of nature, yet are not prepared to take the trouble to find out what is involved." He said the Animal Liberation

Front was "a fully fledged terrorist organisation". ☐ Supporters of the bill believe that they can muster enough MPs

to give it a second reading. The

Mr McNamara's bill, and Sir main hurdle faced is the closure Stephen Hastings, a former Conmotion, when 100 members have to vote in favour, but MPs from all parties have said that they will give up a Friday campaigning in their constituencies to be in the 6 111, 25,117

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Even if the bill does get a second reading, lack of time will prevent it reaching the statute book before the election. Its backers hope that

it will lead to legislation early in the

next parliament. Mr McNamara dismissed claims from opponents that the bill would affect pest control or cost thousands of jobs. It did not affect angling or shooting, he said.

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Rise hits 'a family in every street'

Home repossessions reach record 75,000

By Rachel Kelly, property correspondent

A RECORD total of more than 75,000 homes were repossessed last year, according to figures released yesterday by the Council of Mortgage Lenders. Last year, 75,540 homes were repossessed

against 43,890 in 1990. The figures showed that 275,350 people have loans that are six months or more in arrears and are therefore at risk of repossession this year. That compares to a figure of 159,210 in 1990.

Steven Bell, chief economist at the merchant bank Morgan Grenfell, said: "It is an unprecedented number of ssions and represents nearly I per cent of total mortgages. It means roughly that one family in every street

The figures do not include repossessions by Lloyds Bank, the Royal Bank of Scotland and the Bank of Scotland. who together with small lenders represent about 7 per cent of the UK mortgage lending market and are not members of the council. Their figures would marginally increase the numbers of repossessions, the council said.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders said that it was impossible to say exactly how many people in arrears would

face repossession this year. One independent study by the housing analyst John Wriglesworth of UBS Phillips & Drew has estimated that there will be 80,000 repossessions this year. He said yesterday he was sticking to that

"These figures are jolly awful," he said. "The most worrying aspect is the increase in serious arrears cases from 159,210 at the end of 1990 to 275,350 at the end of 1991.

The growth in arrears cases has slowed down but there is a huge backlog of cases that have not been solved. This still points to very

high repossessions this year." He said mortgage lenders "are still managing to save 190,000 people who are more than six months in arrears, even if the other 80,000

Mr Mark Boleat, director general of the Council of Mortgage Lenders, said that one encouraging aspect was the sharp deceleration in the rate of growth of possessions in the second half of 1991.

Mr Boleat said that the package of measures announced before Christmas combined with the upturn in activity already reported this year is likely to result in a reduction in possessions during 1992.

The record numbers of repossessions had not been caused by irresponsible lending or by borrowers deliberately not paying, Mr Boleat

Difficulties were caused by relationship breakdowns, severe loss of income, the slump in the housing market, and unemployment, Mr Boleat said.

• The Leeds Permanent Building Society is to offer homeowners in serious arrears the chance of a capped rate mortgage at 9.99 per

cent on part of their mortgage and an interest-free loan on the rest as part of its mortgage rescue scheme (Lindsay

Cook writes).

The fifth largest society has allocated £100 million to the scheme, which will allow people to stay in their homes as owners with manageable payments. The society will work out with the borrowers how much they can afford to pay and fix their payments at that level. It will then take a stake in the property to cover the part of the loan the borrower cannot afford.

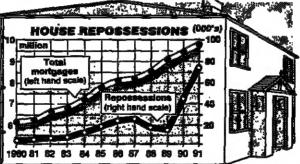
The mortgage payments will be fixed for five years so that they cannot rise but will fall if standard mortgage rates fall lower than 9.99 per cent. The value of the property will be established at the outset and again when the owner wants to buy back the part of the property the society owns or wants to move on. The society will then take a

share of any profits.

National Westminster

Home Loans is offering loans starting at 5 per cent to quali-fying customers under its £30 million mortgage rescue scheme. The payments then will increase each year for five years until the standard mortgage rate is reached.

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Paris hotel room. The body of Malcolm Olson, aged 34, director of Eastleigh airport near Southampton, was found on Wednesday by staff at the Meridian Montparcity where he was attending

Police reports said Mr Olson, a bachelor, was found naked and kneeling in his bath, bound hand and foot and with sticky tape over his mouth. A tie, believed to be his own, was found pulled tight round his neck. His face

an aviation conference.

was buried in a pillow.

Paris police launched a
murder investigation and preliminary reports from an autopsy indicated Mr Olson died of asphyxiation. Some belongings were missing from his room.

A Paris police inspector said: "The Meridien hotel has links with Air France and an aeronautical conference was being held there. Mr Olson checked into the Montparnasse on Monday, but two days later he was found stran-gled in his hotel room." Officers from the Brigade Criminal were investigating.

The Foreign Office confirmed that details of Mr Olson's death had been passed by them to his family who are prominent in the Eastleigh area. Mr Olson's father, Godfrey, an estate agent, is Conservative leader of Eastleigh borough council. He and his wife Barbara have two other sons. They were too upset to speak yesterday.

Peter Willis, Mr Olson's former deputy, said: "Every-body is absolutely devastated by his death." John Mills, group personnel director of BAA, the aircraft BAA, the airport's parent company, said: "Malcolm was much respected both locally and throughout the aviation industry."

Mr Olson, who lived in a four-bedroom, £150,000 house at Hamble, on the Solent was a keen sailor and rally driver.



Director murdered in Paris

By PAUL WILKINGON

TWO miners were killed and six injured yesterday when a FRENCH detectives are intrain carrying workers jacknifed five miles out be-neath the North Sea at Wearmouth colliery near vestigating the murder of an English businessman in his Sunderland. The train, pulling eight car-riages, was detailed as it took

> out at sea. The front carriage was pushed up against the roof of the tunnel, trapping 20 men. Last night, rescuers praised the bravery of the miners who risked their lives to help their colleagues in the wreckage. Without their actions the

70 men from the bottom of

death and injury toll could have been much higher, rescuers said. Working only by the lights of their helmet lamps and dodging falling rocks the men used bare hands and their backs to prop up the wrecked carriage before se-

curing chains to a support beam and lifting it. A British Coal mines rescue team, firemen and paramedics set up emergency drips and administered painkilling injections to the trapped men. The two who died were in the first carriage, with the six who were hurt, three of them with serious spine and chest

The two dead miners were named as Eric Evans, aged 36, from Penshaw, Tyne and Wear, and Gerard Sumby, aged 39, of Sunderland.

One of the miners who escaped injury said later: "We were riding along as normal when there was this almighty clattering and we all got shunted along. We had no

Two miners killed as train crashes in tunnel under sea

BY PETER DAVENPORT

warning. The front carriage went up into the roof."

The rescue operation was hampered by the restricted space in the tunnel and the danger of explosions. Firemen could not use cutting equipment to burn through the tangled wreckage and relied on hand-held tools.

said: "It was like dealing with a road crash 1,000 feet underground. The uninjured miners down there were very brave. They knew exactly what to do and their coolness and help was invaluable throughout the whole Safety expens from the

Mines Inspectorate began a detailed investigation of the accident yesterday. They are concentrating initially on finding out what caused the locomotive pulling the carriages to become derailed.

John Wakeham, the energy secretary, said that safety was paramount in the coal industry. "We need to know what lessons can be learnt from this dreadful incident." Wearmouth colliery was

opened 165 years ago and is one of the most successful of the dwindling North-East coalfield. It produces around one million tonnes of coal a year with a workforce half that of the mid-1980s when it employed 2,000 men.

Miners' union officials yes-terday claimed that the pressure for increasing productivity rates throughout the industry was leading to more accidents because of less attention to safety, an allega-tion firmly rejected by British Coal. David Guy, president of the Durham branch of the NUM, said: "Workmen can only do so much in the time available and if there are less workmen, less work is being done. As production levels are not suffering one can only conclude that something else must be We will want to speak to British Coal and the Mines i dispectorate about i accelerating seriousness of in-

cidents, in collieries. We are looking for some action." British Coal insisted, however, that despite a doubling in productivity since 1985-6. the first year after the miners' strike, the overall accident rate had been more than

halved. Yesterday's accident brought to nine the number of deaths in the industry since June 1989.

Child shell suits given fire label

carry fire hazard warning labels, it was announced yesterday. Edward Leigh, consumer affairs minister, has also asked the British Standards Institute to set a limit on the flammability of the shiny, double-layered track

suits. In November, a Glasgow girl aged four died after her shell suit caught fire. The DTI said there were no plans to set safety standards for adults' shell suits.

Officers cleared

A civil jury yesterday rejected allegations that five prison officers beat up a convicted sex offender at Birmingham's Winson Green jail. The High Court jury in London decided that John Watkins, of Gloucester, had not proved his case for assault damages against the Home Office. The five officers are: senior officer David Espie and officers Brian Clarke, Trevor Willetts, Alan Earl and Steven Turton.

Fraud jury out

The jury in the Blue Arrow fraud trial at the Old Bailey was sent to an hotel last night after failing to reach a verdict in a third day of deliberation. The hearing, which has lasted a year and two days, involves five former City advisers to the employment agency Blue Arrow who are accused of secretly buying shares to make an £837 million rights issue in 1987

Mersey beat

Chris Farrow, aged 44, a former area director of London Docklands who led the regeneration of Surrey docks, has been appointed chief executive of the Merseyside Development Corporation.(MDC). He was in the team that created City Airport and the Docklands Light Railway. The MDC was Britain's first urban development

corporation.

Who says the path of true love never runs smoothly?



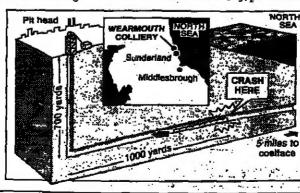
Maxwell items go on sale

By Sarah Jane Checkland SALEROOM CORRESPONDENT

ROBERT Maxwell's creditors will discover today how many of the thousands of people viewing the contents of the late publisher's London home are serious buyers rather than voyeurs.

Sotheby's has been besieged all week by visitors to its London salerooms taking tentative bounces on the giant double bed (estimate £1,200 to £2.500) and swivelling on the leather executive chairs. Many tried on the baseball hat emblazoned "Guv'nor" (estimate, along with six other hats and coat hangers taken by Maxwell from various ho-tels, £10 to £20).

The sale follows instructions by the accountants Price Waterhouse. administrators for Maxwell Communication Corporation. To guarantee sales, and recoup as much as they can, all 340 lots are being offered with no mini-



Unemployed lose their sex drive

BY TIM JONES

SEX has become the latest casualty of the recession, with growing evidence that the trauma of being made unemployed causes people to lose their libidos.

According to Relate marriage guidance counsellors, men in particular lose their self-esteem and with it their sex drive when they are no longer earning. Zelda West-Meads, a counsellor and sex therapist, said: "Men identify strongly with their jobs and one of the effects of their anger at becoming unemployed is a depressed sexual desire.

"Often, they either lose interest in sex, or want to make love but cannot have an erection, or they become impotent. That increases the feeling of depression and worthlessness and affects their relationship because often they do not understand it is the pressure of having

no job which is affecting their libido." She said that middle class marriages lared worse from the effects of unemployment as marriage problems were often cushioned by what money could buy in terms of lifestyle. Mrs West-Meads said that when stress reduced. the erection would return, especially once couples learned to be open and to

share their feelings. Couples are often encouraged to begin rediscovering their lost urges by going to bed to touch and caress without the expectation of sexual intercourse.

Gillian Pont, another counsellor, said: "Some people feel castrated when they lose their job. I see many people whose sex lives have just fallen apart. For men, their jobs are tied up with their macho image. .

"Women tend to cope better because they just don't see themselves in terms of their jobs."

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'I was an innocent man. I happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time'

Builder cleared of terrorist conspiracy

WILLIAM McKane, a building worker from north London, yesterday walked free from the Central Criminal Court after being cleared of three terrorist charges linked to Nessan Quinlivan and Pearse McAuley, the IRA suspects who escaped from

suspects who escaped from Brixton prison last year.

Mr McKane, aged 25, was hugged by his wife Siobhan after being cleared of conspiring with Quinlivan and McAuley and others to cause explosions and possession of firearms. On Wednesday the jury cleared him of conspiring with Quinlivan, McAuley and others to murder Sir Child she and others to murder Sir Charles Tidbury, former head of the Whitbread brew-ery, and others in 1990.

The acquittal is the third Irish republican prosecution case lost by Scotland Yard and the Crown Prosecution Service within the past year. The result may provoke pros-ecution lawyers to consider how widely they can, in-future, draw a conspiracy charge in terrorist cases.

After the hearing. Mr McKane, held in custody since November 1990, said: "I am just glad I have been released ... I was an innocent man. I don't think the trial should have been trial should have been brought against me. There were a lot of Irishmen rounded up. I happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time."
Mrs McKane, who has a

Unit blamed for 90% of attacks

Stewart Tendler traces the rise and fall of an IRA active service unit that terrorised Britain in summer 1990

WILLIAM McKane was cleared yesterday of aiding an IRA active service unit suspecting of murdering Ian Gow, the former cabinet minister, shooting Sir Peter Terry, former governor of Gibraltar, ambushing a sol-dier in north London, and killing another at Lichfield

Police believe one unit was responsible for 90 per cent of IRA attacks in the summer of 1990. They included a bomb in the porch of the Carlton Club in central London; the murder of an army sergeant by a booby-trap bomb in north London; and car bomb attempts on Lord Armstrong of Ilminster and General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley.

Police believe that attacks were carried out by a unit of five, led by Nessan Quinlivan and Pearse McAuley, the IRA suspects who fied from Brixton prison last year. Fresh attacks were being planned on victims from a carefully researched hit list, accompanied by addresses. car registrations and photographs, when the unit was

halted by a blunder. The list included Lord Prior of Brampton, Lord Mason of Barnsley and Nicholas Rid-ley: military officers: executives with Taylor Woodrow and British Nuclear Fuels; two senior civil servants; and David Willetts, a Downing

Street adviser. The unit's arsenal included a bomb three times the size of the device that killed 12 Royal Marines at Deal barracks. Kent. Police have described it as a demolition charge. Another device, hidden in a briefcase, could have been exploded from a distance of up to 1,000 yards by radio

control. Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad has no proof linking the unit with attacks in the summer of 1990. After the arrest of Quinlivan and McAuley in October 1990, the IRA campaign stopped until February 1991.

After McAuley's arrest, he was found to have a bruise on his shoulder similar to the marks left after firing a rifle. Sir Peter Terry was attacked in his Staffordshire home by a gunman with an automatic

Police believe that the active service unit began planning operations in March 1990. McAuley, for 18 months a seemingly ill-disciplined Ulster bricklayer,

changed character. The signal was the arrival of Quinlivan. The unit, comprising two other men and a

ing the names of dead people to get birth certificates and obtain visitors' passports. Photographs of two unamed members of the unit, submitted for passports, are held by police. Flats were reated and cars bought. It was one of those cars, a

woman, built up a network of

false identities, sometimes us-

blue Ford Sierra, which finally brought down the unit. Bought for £1,050, it was in such poor shape that the owner said it could not run for 20 minutes without overbeating, The unit resprayed it and improved the performance.

On a still night in September 1990, McAuley drove to Hampshire, heading for the home of Sir Charles Tidbury. a former head of Whitbread and chairman of the William and Mary Tercentenary Trust. Unknown to the unit. police had begun monitoring VIPs who might be at risk of IRA attacks. The unit was spotted outside Sir Charles's

As they sped away, their car number was taken by a dog handler. Yet they went on using the car, whose description had been circulated to every officer in Britain.

Two weeks later, the car was seen parked at Stonehenge and Quinlivan and McAuley were arrested. Their arrest eventually led police to a battered Lada car parked in north London. In the boot was the unit's arsenal.

McAuley and Quinlivan are now thought to be living under cover in the Irish



Quinlivan: his arrival triggered unit's activity

son aged three, said that the experience had been a nightmare. Her husband said that he could not comment on whether he and his family might sue the police, nor would did he give his views on Quinlivan and McAuley. During the trial he told the jury that he had been duped.

His acquittal follows the case last March of Kevin Barry O'Donnell, an agriculture student, cleared of possessing two rifles found in his car. Mr Justice Tucker presided at both the O'Donnell and McKane cases. In October Desmond Ellis, a former television repairman and the first paramilitary suspect to be ex-tradited from the Irish republic to stand trial in Britain, was cleared of taking part in an IRA bombing plot.
In the latest case Mr

McKane was alleged to be part of a six-man active service unit including McAuley and Quinivan. The prosecution claimed that Mr McKane, who lived in a suc-cession of flats and a squat in north London, was an aide who belped to clear away and hide their assenal of six weap-ons and nearly 120lbs of Semiex explosive. They had been arrested at Stonehenge a few days after their car was seen fleeing from an attempt on the home of Sir Charles Tidsbury, near Portsmouth.

The prosecution linked Mr McKane to false names used by the active service unit and said his fingerprints were on bags of material containing the arsenal stored in a Lada car behind his home in

Kilburn. Other fingerprints were found at flats used by the active service unit. His home included a copy of a pro-IRA newspaper and a calendar celebrating matryrs to the Re-publican cause. There were also traces of explosives.

But Helena Kennedy, QC, for Mr McKane, warned the jury against jumping to con-clusions or allowing cynicism to cloud justice. Mr McKane might be a republican but he was not an IRA supporter, a close-knit Irish emigre community which welcomed and helped fellow countrymen.

Mr McKane told the court that he had known McAuley in Ulster and never dreamt he could be an IRA man because he was so noisy and undisclipined. The two men had drank together and he had also met Quinlivan. Mr Mc-Kane said he had visited the men several times.

He had been asked to look after the keys of the Lada and had driven the car but never thought to look in the boot. The car had remained parked for weeks with one window open. His fingerprints were never found on any of the items in the arsenal.



McAnley: previously an

Singer fined after collapse

BY PETER VICTOR

SANDIE Shaw the pop singer was fined £100 by Marlborough Street magistrates' court yesterday after she admitted failing to provide a breath test. She had earlier collapsed in the witness box while claiming that a policeman had sexually assaulted her.

Two police constables had told the court that they saw Nik Powell, Miss Shaw's husband, drunk in the passenger seat of a car outside the couple's home in Harley Street. PC Andrew Tyas said that when Miss Shaw got into the driver's seat, holding the car keys, his colleague, PC Thomas Nichols, told her to stop because she had

been drinking.
Miss Shaw, aged 44, said that PC Nichols had squeezed her breast. "Nobody has the right to do that to a human being," she told the court, before collapsing. The court was closed for five minutes to allow her to recover.

She had pleaded not guilty to failing to take a breathalyser test at Tottenham Court Road police station, central London, on October 17, but changed her plea to guilty yesterday. She was allowed to keep her driving licence.

Mr Powell was acquired of obstructing the police.

Libel case editor defends her role

FRANKIE McGowan. former editor of New Woman, told the Sara Keays libel trial jury in the High Court yesterday that the magazine never set out to condemn or ridicule the people it wrote about. It would have been wholly against her philosophy as a woman and that of the magazine, she said.

Miss Keays, aged 44, of Marksbury, near Bath. Avon, is suing the magazine over a 1989 article which she says accused her of being a kissand-tell bimbo who wrote her book to make money and to cause Cecil Parkinson maximum embarrassment. She says that she wrote the book to defend her reputation.

Miss McGowan, now a consultant editor and freelance writer, told Desmond Browne, QC, for the defence: The last thing in the world that I wanted to do in any feature or any issue of the magazine was denigrate women. That would have been a pointless exercise and I would probably have been removed as editor if I did it."

The business partner who helped Sara Keays to publish her book about her affair with Mr Parkinson said that Miss Keays's "great desire" was to have her side of the story break during the 1985 Conservative party conference. Graham Lea, who worked

with Miss Keays on A Question of Judgement, said that he was opposed to her deal with Robert Maxwell to have the book serialised in the Daily Mirror during the week of the conference. Giving evidence for New Woman magazine, he said he thought that it was "rather a foolish deal" as the price agreed was too low and the serialisation of the most interesting parts would make people less in-clined to buy the book. Mr Lea said that his busi-

ness partnership with Miss Keays ended at the end of 1985 on very acrimonious

terms.
Asked by John Previte, QC, for Miss Keays, whether he bore her a grudge, Mr Lea replied: "That's true, yes. I haven't expressed it other than in this courtroom." He said he had believed that the book would make £2 million and inal he had regard as a golden opportunity.

The trial continues today.

Road to freedom: William McKane leaving court yesterday with wife Siobhan Irish abortion row grows

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Irish attorney-general yesterday stepped in to try to silence a growing controversy over an attempt by the state to stop a 14-year-old rape victim

Average

reading

age falls

By JOHN O'LEARY

EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

RESEARCH designed to set-

tle the controversy over the teaching of reading in prima-

ry schools has uncovered a

significant decline in stan-

dards over the past four years. The National Foundation for

Educational Research found

that the reading ability of the

average eight-year-old had

The results, published yes-

terday, confirm the findings

of a survey conducted by the

foundation for the education

department last year. That

was dismissed by critics as

unreliable because it was

based on old tests. The more

modern methods used in

compiling the new report, Reading in Recession, should

The researchers tested pu-

pils in a representative sam-ple of schools in England and Wales and revisited 24

schools used in a parallel ex-

ercise four years ago. Head teachers were asked for their

views, although only a quar-

ter said they had noticed a decline in standards

Tom Gorman, one of the

authors of the report, said

that the results of three sets of

research suggested a decline in the average reading age of

at least three months. "That is a conservative estimate, although it is too soon to tell

whether or not there is a downward trend," he said.

ed for a second-time showed

an increase in reading scores.

All were in rural areas or

middle class suburbs, and six

were church schools. Of the

15 where standards had fall-

en, seven were in large conur-

bations or industrial areas.

The overall decline was put at

between four and seven per-

Nine of the 24 schools rest-

make it more credible.

in some schools had risen.

having an abortion. In a statement, Harry Whelehan said that, while judgment in the case, which was held in camera, was pending, further publicity would be in contempt and a

involved. It should cease. "No doubt when the judge is delivering his judgment, he will (while protecting the identity of the parties) set out

the essential facts and issues

. . . which will govern his decision," he said. "What is needed now pending judgment, is respect for

the order of the court and consideration for those who are personally affected by these proceedings." Mr Whelehan's attempt to quell the controversy was ig-nored as the dispute over the

right to abortion in Ireland resurfaced. Many sympathise with the teenage girl despite their hatred of abortion. Proinsias De Rossa, leader

of the Workers tempted to raise the case in the Dail. He said, after the attorney-general's statement, that he had no qualms about discussing what he called a 'quite intolerable situation". His call for an emergency debate to discuss the implica-

tions of the case for rape victims who become preg-nant, for families of victims and for the freedom of the press and information, was ruled out of order by the speaker who said the matter was sub judice.

The case is the first test of the ban, which was written into the republic's constitu tion after a divisive referen-

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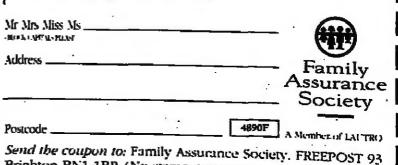
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Heart pills can increase risk of death

Researchers have found dangers in

cholesterol-lowering drugs and want

DRUGS that lower choics terol levels may increase rather than reduce the overall risk of dying, and their use should be reduced, researchers say today.

The number of British patients taking the drugs is growing rapidly, but there is no long-term proof that they have beneficial effects, doctors say in the British Medi-

Their call for a moratorium on prescribing could profoundly affect the attitudes of general practitioners towards the drugs and may also influence government health policies. It is also likely to cause consternation in the pharmaceutical industry.

Prescriptions for cholesterol-lowering drugs have trebled in the past few years because GPs have been persuaded that high levels of blood cholesterol are an important risk factor for heart attacks. About 58,000 patients currently receive the

their use cut, Thomson Prentice reports therapy, and many high street pharmacists now offer "instant" blood choles-

terol tests. Much wider use of the drugs is likely because the health department's current contract with GPs encourages such preventive mea-sures. Up to a third of the British population would be candidates for such therapy

under some proposed pre-scribing guidelines. Researchers at the London School of Hygiene should be a serious consid-

and Tropical Medicine say in the journal: "Before the use of such drugs becomes even more widespread there eration of whether this is a sensible treatment policy."

The researchers are most

concerned about the use of

the drugs as a preventive

measure in patients who have not had a heart attack or who do not have a high risk of severe inherited heart disease. The researchers, led by

George Davey Smith, lec-turer in epidemiology at the school, have analysed international studies of the drugs' effects. They conclude that while heart disease deaths have been reduced, deaths from noncoronary causes have gone

"This balances the decrease in heart attack deaths. If anything, overall death rates have been increased among those taking the drugs," the researchers say. "The use of such drugs in patients without a markedly elevated risk of coronary disease should await

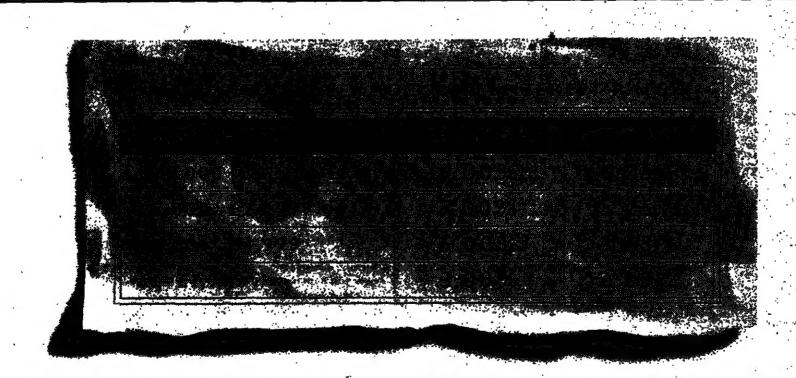
clear demonstration that they produce an overall The authors of the report

do not attempt to explain a direct link between the drugs and deaths from noncoronary causes, such as cancer. But, they say, it does not exist in studies of patients whose cholesterol levels have been reduced by changes in diet. One conclusion to be drawn is that a dietary approach is safe, while drug therapy is not. Michael O'Connor, director of the Coronary Preven-

able to reduce their cholesterol levels by changing

tion Group. said: "We welcome this report. There is a danger that massive promotion by drug companies will lead to people being prescribed drugs they don't need. These drugs are likely to have an important role for those few people who are at very high risk of heart disease and who have not been

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Teenagers shun job training to seek work

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

OLD habits die hard, even for the modern teenager. Young Britons base their social life on the pub and spurn education and training for the first available job, according to a three year study by the Economic and Social Research Council.

Academics from six universities charted the influences on 4.800 young people between the ages of 16 and 19, choosing Swindon, Kirk-

Politicians score a low vote

ALTHOUGH almost all of the 4,800 young people in the survey said that they intended to vote, party politics remained firmly at the bottom of their list of interests (John O'Leary writes).

Professor John Bynner, the

Professor John Bynner, the City University academic who co-ordinated the research, said: "For teenagers, party politics has just about as much relevance as grand opera. Yet they have passionate views on race, sex and the environment."

He said that a much higher proportion of young people in Germany and other European countries were interested in politics. Only Britons taking A-level courses approached German levels of political awareness. "It may be that there is a healthy cynicism about party politics among sixth formers, but the main cause of apathy is political illiteracy, which is a question of education."

Only 16 per cent of the teenagers had strong feelings about politicians or political parties. Few wanted to pay more taxes but they did want extra public spending and increased social security benefits.

Race was the subject of most concern to teenagers in the survey, followed by equal opportunities, sex and the environment

caldy, Liverpool and Sheffield as a proxy for the nation. Their report, published yesterday, paints a picture of a young generation with up-todate concerns but traditional lifectures.

By the age of 16, most are going to pubs and looking for a job. Even at 20, two thirds are still living at their parents' home. Girls leave home in their teens in larger mimbers than boys, mainly to marry or

Young people of both senes were suspicious of training programmes, feeling that employers would exploit them. The researchers conclude that the government's goal of keeping all young people in education and training beyond 16 is unlikely to be achieved in the foresecable future because of the attraction of full-time jobs among the working class.

Professor Bynner said:
"The commitment to work is as strong as ever. Ironically, it is strongest of all among those who have least chance of getting jobs. Among those from manual and unskilled backgrounds, adulthood and work are synonymous — you cannot be an adult without having a job."

The survey, conducted between 1987 and 1989, is the largest of its kind. The results show the social habits of the sexes converging, in contrast to previous research. So few 15-year-old girls were smoking 20 years ago that research on the subject was abandoned, but the new survey shows one in five taking up the habit, compared with only one boy in seven. More girls are shown to be regular drinkers of alcohol than previous surveys suggested.

Professor John Bynner, the City University social scientist who co-ordinated the programme, said: "Feminist ideas seem to have had the effect of making girls seek autonomy at an earlier age. Although the domestic pull is still strong, for example, more girls now want jobs."

Rebuke

for 'race'

remark

By Frances GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A PART-TIME judge accused of making a racist remark during the trial of a

Nigerian woman has been cautioned, the Lord Chancel-

lor's Department said yesterday. David Spens allegedly

said about the woman, found

guilty of credit card fraud: "I

want to know more about her,

as this type of crime is far too

prevalent among the Nigeri-

The case was brought to the

attention of Lord Mackay of

Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, by the Society of Black Lawyers, which demanded

disciplinary action. A spokes-

woman for Lord Mackay

said: "Mr Spens: has been

cautioned not to make such remarks in the future."

Mr Spens, a barrister who

prosecutes regularly at the

Central Criminal Court,

London, was sitting as a re-

cently appointed assistant re-

corder at Middlesex crown

In a letter to Lord Mackay,

the Society of Black Lawyers

said: "We feel strongly that such racist comments in the

courtroom should be cen-

sured in the strongest possible terms by your department and where necessary

disciplinary action should be taken." The society also called

on the Law Society yesterday

to introduce measures to

combat racism and to ensure

equal opportunities for black

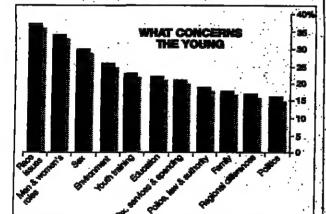
lawyers, including a 10 per cent target of trainees, assis-

tant solicitors and partners

from ethnic minority groups.

court on September 10.

an community.



Posing of Pickles criticised

THE behaviour of a judge who interrupted a trial to pose for photographers and television cameras in a Second World War flying jacket was criticised by a fellow

judge yesterday.

The incident, involving Judge James Pickles, now retired, happened at Bradford county court last April when he was hearing a claim for damages by one motorist against another. When the case resumed two months later Judge Pickles rejected the claim and awarded £50 damages to the other driver.

Yesterday Judge Charlesworth, sitting at the same court, refused the unsuccessful plaintiff, a Doncaster solicitor and law lecturer, leave to appeal, but expressed sympathy for him. He admitted that, from what he knew of the facts of the road accident, he might have reached a different conclusion to Judge Pickles, but Judge Pickles had seen and heard

the witnesses.

Judge Charlesworth said:
"The circumstances which give rise to the greatest disquiet in respect to the conduct of the case are that, I am told by both sides, on the day of the first hearing the judge adjourned early." He "paraded up and down the road outside the court in some sort of flying jacket as he had just announced his retirement". But the incident was simply an unfortunate diversion. It did not mean that the judge had not given the case

proper attention.

David Roy Crystal-Kirk, the plaintiff, was ordered to pay the costs of his unsuccessful application.

Romance arrives by parachute

By Louise Hidalgo

JUTTING jaws; trim behinds; steely blue eyes, with a hint of thoughtfulness. The six finalists in the search for Britain's most romantic man at the Dorchester Hotel, London, yesterday, may not have looked the staple stuff of romantic fiction. But the lengths to which they had gone to win their ladies apparently were.

The winner, Mark

The winner, Mark
Dutch, a poll tax inspector
aged 29 from Blackpool,
braved vertigo to propose
by parachute at 200th
Brian aged 24 from Ed-

Brian, aged 24, from Edinburgh, daubed his truck with the words "Will you marry me?" and reinforced his message with a megaphone. Allan, a dustman aged 51, from Leicester, donned a tutu and tights to win his ballet-fan wife.

But it was Mark's sus-

But it was Mark's sustained devotion, the daily breakfast in bed, the hot water bottles and the household chores, which triumphed over the 2,600 breathless and bodice stirring entries.



True love: Mark wins Sharon with breakfast in bed and hot water bottles

St Valentine stirs men's passion

By ALICE THOMSON

THE Italian man may make the most passionate lover, the French man may take women to the most expensive restaurant, but when it comes to Valentine's day, British men surpass themselves.

They spend more on cards, flowers and chocolates on Valentine's day than any other country in Europe and the recession does not seem to have made any difference.

It starts on Valentine's eve, when thousands of British men leave their offices at lunchtime, often prompted by their secretaries and female colleagues, and head for the nearest chocolate shops, florists or new-sagents.

sagents.

Last year, the Royal Mail delivered ten million more letters on Valentine's day. David Lane, general manager, said: "I think Valentine's day is so popular in Britain because men like the anonymity of the post, which keeps their identity secret and adds to the mystery and romance of their Valentine's message. Judging from the amount of

THE Italian man may extra mail we have already make the most passionate received, it is as popular as

More than two thirds of men under 35 also buy a present, according to a survey carried out by Nielsen Consumer Research. The British man is conservative and most tend to stick to flowers, chocolates or lingerie. The British spend an extra £21 million on flowers and £70 million on chocolates in February.

At Knickerbox's flagship store in Broadgate, central London, Martine Schaffer, retail operations co-ordinator, was helping men to choose lingerie. "We have quadrupled our sales today and 90 per cent of our customers have been men. They are often very nervous and embarrassed so we help them to work out the right

size," she said.

Valentine was a Bishop of Terni who was martyred at Rome in the year 270 but he is now omitted from the Roman Catholic calendar of saints' days

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Flaws found in smear test system

Cancer checks 'miss danger'

By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

SERIOUS shortcomings in the cervical cancer screening programme that are causing wide variations in the proportion of "abnormal" smear test results may be putting women at risk, the National Audit Office says today. In North West Thames, 3.5

per cent of all smears were recorded as abnormal in 1990-1 compared with 11 per cent in neighbouring North East Thames and more than 9 per cent in South Western and Mersey. The differences cannot be explained by variations in the incidence of cervical cancer and are likely to be because of differences in interpretation, the report says. But where too few smears are classified abnormal, cancers may be missed and where there are too many, women may suffer unnecessary anxiety and poten-

tially damaging meatment. The audit office says, in Cervical and Breast Screening in England, that guidance on taking smears "is not followed universally". Lab-oratories do not agree on the interpretation of smears and there are no benchmarks against which they can compare their results. There is no agreement among doctors on

ABNORMAL CERVICAL SMEARS

the best way to deal with women with abnormalities. In many cases, a mildly abnormal cervix will return to normal naturally but a cautious doctor might opt for treatment which carries a risk, albeit small, of causing

However, the report says

that the cervical and breast screening programmes have been successful in encouraging more women to attend. By 1991, 74 per cent of women aged 20 to 64 had had a cervical smear test in the past five years, up from 43 per cent in 1989, largely because new payments for GPs who met screening targets were introduced under their new contract in 1990. More than 70 per cent of women invited for breast screening have accepted and health authorites are on target to contact all eligible women - aged 55 to 64 - by

But the quality of the two screening programmes con-trast sharply, the report says. The emphasis given to quality assurance is "a great strength of the breast screening programme" where national standards "have been set and met" and are being adopted in Europe.

Quality assurance in cervical screening is haphazard. In Mersey, where the level of abnormal results ranged from nil to 18 per cent, three of the five districts had classi-

abnormal when they were not. One district reported all abnormal smears as severely abnormal.

Laboratories are required to have their work checked by an external assessor but two of three regions visited by the audit office were not doing so. They are also required to have fail-safe sustems to check that all women with abnormal smears are followed up, after scandals in which women have died because their cancer was not treated while their test results lay on file. But one out of six districts visited did not have such a system and in three more it was not formally documented.

The report says that prompt investigation and treatment are important to improve effectiveness and to minimise women's anxiety but it found waiting times ranged up to 14 weeks. Elaine Farmery, chairman

of the National Co-ordinating Network for Cervical Cancer Screening, said the service had achieved a "wonderful turnaround" since the 1980s by increasing the num-ber of women screened and attracting a greater propor-tion of older women. "Now we have to get on and ensure the quality," she said.

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Workers to picket Todd HQ

By TIM JONES

FOR Ron Todd, who has masterminded many a stop-page in the past, it is not much of a farewell present. Mr Todd, who retires next month as general secretary of Britain's biggest union, the transport workers, may have to cross a picket line on Tues-

day to reach his office.

Union staff at Smith
Square central London, concerned about the effect of mounting financial losses and a decision to call in an American management consultancy to report on how the organisation can be better run, have voted by 509 to 203 to go on strike. Unless they receive guarantees on job-security, better working conditions and retirement payments in line with those given to executives, they have threatened further stoppages. The strike and its attendant

publicity could prove embarrassing to Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, who has included Bill Morris, the union's general secretary-elect, in his "leader's committee" to oversee Labour's

election campaign.

The union, which has a cumulative debt of about £12 million and was recently losing about £1 million a month, has agreed voluntary early retirement terms for 100 officers and 150 support staff.
One complaint is that the terms for officers are about £50,000, compared with. £30,000 for long-serving staff members. The union has told staff that there will be no

PROSPECTIVE beneficia-

ries of the extra £16 million

for innovation announced this week by the trade and industry department are viewing it as more of a pub-lic relations exercise than a

genuine pledge to encour-age advances in technology. Critics claim that many of

the schemes supported by the department are subject

to so much bureaucracy that

it is surprising that any of

the money on offer is spent.

One company with a cau-nonary rale is Natural Tech-nology of Wargrave, Berk-shire, set up in 1988 by David Price and Julian Vin-

cent. In May last year, the company won the first Prince of Wales award for

environmental innovation

with a device that pulls choking weeds from

Almost 12 months later,

the company is £50,000 out

of pocket and struggling to

keep the project alive. In January last year, it had sought £140,000 under the

DTI Environmental Man-

agement Options Scheme (Demos) which, with the En-

vironmental Technology In-

novation Scheme (Etis), forms the £20 million euvi-ronmental research in-itiatve launched in 1990. The scheme covers half of

waterways.



Bring out your dead: Paul MacPhail, an Edinburgh tourist guide, dressed as a 17th century "foule clenger", who collected the bodies of plague victims. The beak of the mask contained a mixture of herbs and flowers thought to prevent plague. Mr MacPhail was publicising plans to restore a church on the Royal Mile as a local history centre.

spent. Nearly 290 applica-tions have been made to Etis, of which 120 have been invited to submit more

detailed proposals. Only

five projects have been backed to a value of £1.4

million or less than a third

of the funds allocated. The Textile Finishers' As-

sociation in Manchester is one of the lucky ones but

still has some complaints.

Barry Hazel, the associa-

tion's director, said: "We

asked which project we

should go for and they said

Etis. Four to five months

later they said we should have applied for Demos. It took 13 months for the

grant to come through. Fi-nally we threatened to have

questions asked in Parlia-

ment about how much was being spent on administration and how much on

Jacqueline Senker, of the

Science Policy Research Unit, believes that such ex-

periences taint the department's initiatives.

After interviewing bio-technology, ceramics and pharmaceuticals firms

about the department's intlatives, she found very little enthusiasm among any of them.

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Science

research.".

Whitehall red tape stifles

money for technology

Millions of

pounds in grants

being offered to

innovators seem

destined never to

be spent, writes

Nick Nuttall

organisations including the

National Rivers Authority

offered £50,000 worth of

help, leaving the company

to find the other £20,000.

The money was needed for trials, planned for last sum-

mer, when the weeds were

Mr Price said: "We were

told if we did our own trials

we would be ineligible for the grant." Over the next nine months, government

officials encouraged the

firm to submit a detailed

proposal and finally agreed

to a meeting in August. Mr Price was told in Sep-

tember that the application

had been rejected for falling

outside Demos's guidelines.

According to the latest

government figures, 402 ap-plications have been made to Demos and 150 were in-

vited to a second stage. Only

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Two Libyans accused by the United States and Britain of the 1988 Pan Am bombing over Lockerbie are anxious for a public trial, a British solicitor who interviewed

them said yesterday.

Stephen Mitchell, who is advising a Libyan lawyer on international law, said the men were "very, very anx-ious" for the affair to be over. "They want a public trial which will give them the opportunity to prove they are not guilty." Mr Mitchell saw Abdel

Basset Ali Al-Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhiman on Tuesday after a former CIA official said they were dead.

Ivanchuk wins chess contest

Vassily Ivanchuk, the Ukrainian grandmaster and world number three, won the Melo-dy Amber semi-rapid chess tournament and \$100,000 (£60,000) in Roquebrune Cap Martin, southeast France. He was half a point ahead of Viswanathan Anand of India, who unexpectedly lost to Bent Larsen of Denmark, who finished last.

Results: Vassily Ivanchuk Commonwealth of Independent States), 14 points out of 22; Viswanathan Anand (India) 13.5; Anatoly Karpov (CIS), Viktor Korchnoi (Switzerland), Ljubomir Ljubojevic (Yugoslavia) 12.5; Michael Adams (Britain), Yasser Seirawan (USA) 11: Jeroen Piket (The Netherlands), Lev Polugaevsky (CIS) 10; Judit Polgar (Hungary), Jon Speelman (Britain) 8.5; Bent Larsen (Denmark) 8.

Torturer jailed Colin Morton, aged 35, of Bromley, Kent, who tortured and robbed a taxi driver at his flat, was sent to prison for 20 years for attempted murder, wounding, robbery and firearm offences. Diane Deller, aged 28, a friend of the cab driver, received two years with 12 months suspended

for conspiracy to burgle. Clamp victory A shop worker. Maureen Cooper, aged 44, of Luton, Bedfordshire, was awarded £350 damages against a wheelclamping company for unlawful interference with

her goods after it refused to

release her car for four hours.

even though it displayed a car park pass. Father dies

Tom Houghton, aged 23, whose wife and two daughters were killed in a house fire at Laindon, Essex, on Monday, died in hospital from burns and injuries.

Road duel

A car forced another off the M11 near Stansted, Essex, tipping it over, after the drivers exchanged aggressive gestures. Two people in the second car were slightly hurt.

Fishy affair

A feud over scarce ragworm fishing bait is being blamed for damage caused to a parked car belonging to a bait supplier from the mainland as he searched a river bank on the Isle of Wight.

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Labour to reward efficient hospitals

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A £400 MILLION incentive fund to reward hospitals for greater efficiency and for treating more patients is to be one of the key planks of Labour's new health strategy.

Labour's document to be launched by Robin Cook, the shadow health secretary, early next week will also include a plan to reward GPs for striking tough agreements with consultants on treatment protocol. NHS trusts will be brought back into health authority control but retain many of their new

freedoms. The long-awaited report will also propose a Londonwide authority to improve health provision in the capital and a scheme to replace the 192 health districts with about 80 community health

authorities. The more controversial plans, which have been leaked to The Times, are expected to be piloted over the first 18 months of a Labour government in 20 or 30 places to preempt criticism that the proposals are untried

and untested. Labour still aims to restore underfunding in the NHS. but the document will not put a figure on the amount. The paper will commit a future Labour government to fully fund nationally agreed pay awards, but will admit that redressing a decade of "ne-glect" would take "at least" the lifetime of one parliament.

Proposals in the document. which updates the party's 1990 report, A Fresh Start for Health, will show that Labour is determined not to inflict another period of turbulence on the NHS. NHS trusts, GP budget holders and a competitive internal market will be scrapped, but

remain in all but name. Although hospitals will no longer be selling services in a competitive market, Labour will retain a distinctive split between the planner (the health authority) and the pro-vider (the hospital).

many of the structures will

The new community health authorities, which will take family health service authorities under their wings, will set performance agreements with hospitals to cover about 2 per cent of their budget, or about £400 million.

The fund will be retrospective and will be negotiated at the end of the year. However, Labour policy advisers made it clear yesterday that if there is no growth money, the £400 million will still be earmarked, even if it means cutting existing budgets. This could mean that some hospitals would get less money than they had the previous

year if they do not meet specific targets. Hospitals which treat too

many patients or spend mon-ey inefficiently will be penalised the following year. by not earning any incentive money and having to carry their overspend forward.

Performance money will be

given in three key areas. Hos-pitals will be able to earn extra cash by meeting preset targets for certain specialties, for example by increasing the number of hip operations by 5 per cent, or doing more weekend clinics for non-ur-gent procedures. Money will be available for efficiency measures - such as consultants doing more outpatient procedures in GP surgeries. leading to earlier treatment. Hospitals can also earn money for drawing up joint proto-col agreements between consultants and GPs about treatments, discharge and

after care procedures.

Community health authorities will allocate about 95 per cent of the £19 billion NHS hospital and community budget directly to hospitals in a similar way as before the NHS reforms were intro-duced — on historic treatment patterns.

Charity begins at source:

Glenys Kinnock, left, and

Jane Ashdown, with Colin

Thompson from the In-

land Revenue, launch a

campaign to double the

amount given to charities

through deductions from

pay or pension. An opinion

poll by Mori, for the Chari-

ties Aid Foundation, found

had no coherent plan for the

nation's capital and accused

ministers of being responsible

them to attempt to cobble

"It is not good enough for

"for the present mess".

About 2 per cent is also expected to be held back as contingency reserves. A further fund — the size of which is undecided - will be set up by health authorities specifically for GPs. Family doctors who co-operate with consultants in drawing up treat-ment protocols will be eligible

for bonus payments.
While criticising the "twotier system" that it claims has arisen from GP fundholding, Labour has recognised that in some cases these GPs have managed to secure higher standards of care from consultants by using financial leverage. Under the new scheme all GPs and consultants will still have a financial incentive to work together to produce effective and efficient

treatment. Trusts will lose their independent status but all hospitals will have more flexibility. Although there is still some disagreement between Robin Cook and his policy advisers on whether hospitals should be able to hold consultants contracts, all hospitals will have greater pay flexibility. They will, however, lose their ability to raise capital money from the private sector.

The document is expected to propose the abolition of tax relief on private health care and to discourage any expan-sion of the private sector. It will not abolish private beds in NHS hospitals.

THE Conservatives are plantogether something a few ning to appoint a transport minister for London as part of weeks before the election," he said. "London needs a new their answer to Labour's voice and we will give it a promise to create a new stravoice that will be heard on the tegic authority for the capital. world stage."

that three out of four

people believe there

should be more control

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thirds believe charities

waste money on adminis-

tration (Ruth Gledhill

writes). However, only

about £25 million has been

raised by tax-free deduc-tions since 1986.

Parties vie for city's heart

By Douglas Broom, local government correspondent

A Tory victory in the gener-Mr Patten promised at the al election would also lead to last Conservative conference that the Tories would include plans for a "voice for London" in their next manithe creation of a London development agency to attract overseas investment. The prime minister and Chris festo, but gave no details of what would appear. Minis-Patten, the party chairman, have ruled out the creation of ters are opposed to anything remotely resembling the Greater London Council, a new tier of local government in London, similar to that proposed by the Opposition.

Labour formally unveiled its plan for a directly elected which they abolished in 1986. "There are no votes in promising to create new bu-Greater London authority reaucracies," one minister yesterday. Bryan Gould, the said last night. "You do not shadow environment secreneed armies of officials to get things moving." lary, said the Conservatives

Among the names being suggested as a possible candi-date for the job of London transport minister is Christopher Chope, a junior transport minister and a former

Tory leader of the London borough of Wandsworth. Under the Labour plan, details of which were disclosed in The Times last month, a

committee of the new GLA would act as passenger transport authority for London, controlling buses, trains and the underground. Mr Gould said the 42-member authority, half the size of the old GLC, would probably be elected by proportional representation. Half the seats would be reserved for worr and action would be taken to ensure ethnic minorities were represented.

There would be seven strategic committees covering strategic planning, transport, policing, the fire brigade, the environment, the arts and international relations. The au-thority would take over the administration of the Metro-

politan Police from the Home

Mellor tries to soften blow of jobless figures

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND PETER MULLIGAN

LABOUR'S economic policies would deepen the recession and raise unemployment further, ministers claimed yesterday after the Opposition seized on the 53,000 jump in the January jobless tally to mount a revitalised assault on the government's handling of the economy.

Amid noisy scenes in the Commons, fuelled by the intense electioneering atmosphere at Westminster, John Smith, the shadow chancellor, said that the latest appalling figures demonstrated that while the government's "in-competent" policies were hurting, they certainly were not working.

Other Labour MPs joined

the assault as they tried to turn to their political advantage the latest evidence that the recession is proving more stubborn than anticipated. David Hinchliffe, Labour MP for Wakefield, suggested that ministers had no understanding of the human tragedy that lay behind the twenty-second consecutive monthly increase in unemployment. Since John Major came to power, jobs had been lost at the rate of about 3,000 every working day.

However, with loyal backing from anxious Tory MPs, ministers sought to turn the tables on Labour by focusing attention on their proposals for higher taxes and National Insurance contributions and

for a national minimum

wage. They also tried to shift the blame for the sudden surge in the jobless total on to what they maintained was a worldwide downturn.

Denying any ministerial complacency about job losses. David Mellor, the Treasury chief secretary, said that unemployment was not only a tragedy for its victims in Britain, but also for those losing their jobs in the United States and France, where the problem was even worse. To Labour jeers, he insisted that the government had created a "climate for recovery". The key question was whose policies were best equipped to put people back to work.

Sir William Clark, chairman of the Tory backbench finance committee, said that compared to 1979 there were far more people in work, and argued that a minimum wage and higher taxes would take an even greater toll of the working population. Mr Mellor said: "There are near-ly 600,000 more jobs in the UK today than in 1979 ... It is clear there is a climate for recovery in this country with falling unit costs, inflation below the European Community average and with interest

rates fully competitive."
In a later clash with Mr Mellor. Mr Smith wondered whether the "horrendous" rise in unemployment and new figures showing a further fall in manufacturing invest-ment were "signs of success".



Complaints about police

studied

Between March 16. 1990, and October 16, 1991, the Crown Prosecution Service received 73 files from the West Yorkshire police relating to com-plaints about individual officers and investigations into practices of the West Midlands Serious Crime Squad, Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorneygeneral, said in a

written reply.

Consideration of the cases was well advanced, he said. He hoped decisions would be taken soon.

Move shelved

Inadequate paint on shelving at the new British Library at St Pancras. London, has delayed moving the book collections to the new building. Tim Renton, the arts minister, said in a written reply.

Farms raise

The common agricultural policy budget for this year is £27,836 million, John Gummer, the agriculture minister, said in a written reply. Last year it was £24,105 million.

Parliament today Commons (9.30): Private member's bill: Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill, second reading. Lords (11): Competition and Service (Utilities) Bill, Prison Security Bill and Licensing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, second

Next week The main business in

the Commons next week is expected to be: Monday: Debate on EC agreement with Efta. Timetable motion on the Local Government Bill. Tuesday: Debate on government motion on industrial relations. Wednesday: Debate on Opposition motion on recession and unemployment

Thursday: Transport and Works Bill and Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Bill, remaining

Friday: Private member's Bill: Referendum Bill. second reading.

The main business in the Lords is expected to be: Monday: Local Government Finance Bill, report, first day.

Tuesday: Local Government Finance Bill, report, second day. Charities Bill, report, second day. Wednesday: Debates on research and development in the NHS and on the public library service. Thursday: Local Government Finance Bill, report, third day. Friday: Further and Higher Education (Scot-land) Bill and Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) (No 2) Bill, second

Ulster MPs question merger PART-TIME membership of

a key element of the security forces in Northern Ireland looks certain to decline, the government said last night as the Commons agreed the merger of the Ulster Defence Regiment with the Royal Irish Rangers (Peter Mulligan writesi. Amid signs of unease

among MPs from the provnce at the prospect of part-timers. Archie Hamilton, the armed forces minister, said it would be unrealistic to assume the "steady" decline in the UDR could be stemmed. He rejected suggestions that ministers were trying to end the parttime element and emphasised their importance in the fight

against terrorism. During the second reading of the Army Bill which merges the two regiments into the Royal Irish Regiment from July 1, Mr Hamilton said the merger should enhance the position of the 3,000 part-timers.

Peter Robinson, the Demo-cratic Unionist MP for Belfast East, said his comments would be interpreted as an indication that the govern-



Eat, drink and be socialist

By Jamie Dettmer

Ts Labour open to the Icharge of Bollinger Bol-shevism, or is the party, whose image used to be all cloth caps, old cakes and ale just moving with the times? As dinner-jacketed Labour supporters, including some of the biggest names in show business and the arts, gathered last night for the party's second £500-a-head fundraising banquet in a year, they had already been dismissed by the tabloid newspapers as members of the pink cham-

pagne set, or as Dom Perignon democrats. The 400 guests, includ-ing actors Donald Pleasence, Brian Cox and John Sessions, comedian Stephen Fry, writers Ken Follett, Fay Weldon, John Mortimer and Ruth Rendell, seemed undaunted by

Neil Kinnock's new model army is up and running, and eating its way into Downing Street. The American-style .dinner-dance at Mayfair's Park Lane hotel. which was organised by a Labour gala committee, stands to net more than £150,000, a useful contri-bution to Labour's election fund. The array of famous names prepared to attend is also helpful for election propaganda purposes.

For their £500 (half the cost for Labour MPs) diners, who included the athlete Steve Cram, 1966 World Cup footballer Bobby Moore, and actors Alan Rickman and Sinead Cusack, were treated to a champagne reception and a fivecourse meal by the chef Anthony Worrall-

Thompson.

Diners began with a light salad of artichoke hearts and asparagus with brioche croutons and a tarragon dressing. A lobster soup with cognac cream and chopped dill followed. The main course consisted of medallion of beef with wild forest mushrooms with a Madeira and truffle sauce accompanied by roast potatoes and a selection of market-fresh vegetables tossed in butter. The dessert was a brandy snap basket filled with white chocolate icecream on a raspberry sauce with seasonal berries. Cheese, coffee and liqueurs completed the repast. The wines served were

Australian.

John Sessions auctioned several items, including a bust by the sculptor Mich-ael Rizzello, Moorcroft pottery by the socialist writer and designer William Mor-ris, and a gold-plated ver-sion of a mouth-organ used by Larry Adler.

Last June the party beld its first lavish banquet for 200 guests at the Park Lane hotel and made a profit of £100,000. Last night's gala is a further sign the revolution in Labour's fundraising techniques. Until recently, the party had to rely on membership subscriptions and trade union donations.

"Comparison were select at "Comrades" were asked at national and regional party conferences to dig deep in their pockets for the pass-

ing bucket. Now Labour is leading the way in Britain in introof political fundraising. An affinity credit card with the Co-Operative bank was introduced last year, as was a deal with Littlewood's whereby Labour gets a 12.5 per cent commission from all pools coupons bearing a red-rose motif. Labour has also set up the One Thou-sand Chib, a group of sup-porters who donate £1,000

or more to the party.

Some well-known leftwing faces were absent last
night including, rather unsurprisingly, Dennis Skinner, the MP for Bolsover.

Those Labour MPs who attended but felt slightly uneasy can content easy can content themselves with the example of Ancurin Bevan, the class-conscious founder of the NHS, who himself en-joyed good wine and food. When accused of being a Bollinger Bolshevist he cus which warns of the rich eating the poor: "Stand not too near the rich man lest he destroy thee - and not too far away lest he forget



Work experience: Cook, a Scottish Labour MP. is offered retraining by Major

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Cook tangles with cabinet redundancy

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major yesterday promised to set up a retrain-ing scheme for MPs from Labour's Celtic fringe after Robin Cook appeared to disqualify himself from holding office at Westminster.

The prime minister's tongue-in-cheek offer came as the Conservatives sought to exploit Labour's embarrassment over a bizarre tangle contrived by the Opposition's chief health spokesman.

In what appeared to be a sop to the nationalist chall-enge in Scotland, Mr Cook said in a television interview that once a future Labour government had introduced a Scottish parliament handling Scottish affairs, it would not be possible for him to act as minister of health for Eng-

land and Wales. Yesterday, as the Tories made hay with the apparent admission that a Scottish assembly would jeopardise the position of Scottish MPs at Westminster, the MP for Livingston near Edinburgh ap-

peared to back down in the face of a private rebuke from Neil Kinnock. With nearly 50 Scottish Labour MPs, including shadow cabinet stars such as John Smith and Gordon Brown, the Labour leader was not amused at the suggestion that he might have to select his team from a

shallower pool of talent. Mr Cook, a maverick on other issues such as poll tax non-payment and proportional representation, issued a statement putting himself back on side by saying that it would be up to the Labour leader to decide who should be health secretary.

In the Commons, Jonathan Aitken, Tory MP for Thanet South, suggested that Mr Cook's act of self denial should apply to Welsh MPs if Labour were to propose an assembly there - a dig at Mr Kinnock's credentials as MP for Islwyn. Mr Major said he would be happy to take up Mr Aitken's idea of a shadow cabinet training scheme.

Climb the Eiffel Tower with a cooker

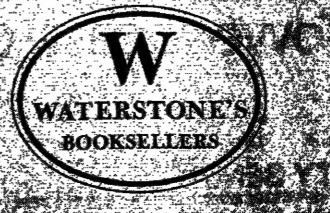
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UN powers braced to send peace troops to Croatia

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

THE United Nations secretary-general yesterday recommended the deployment of the first UN peacekeeping force on the mainland of Europe, a larger than expected contingent of 11,500 "blue helmets" to police three Serb enclaves inside Croaria.

Boutros Boutros Ghali made the historic decision on the advice of Cyrus Vance, his special envoy to Yugoslavia, after heavy pressure from European countries fearful that the current ceasefire in Croatia might soon break down.
Dr Boutros Ghali made

clear that he had some trepidation about sending peacekeepers to Croatia. In a statement, he said: "The secretary-general is of course conscious that there remains a number of unanswered questions concerning this operation and feels strongly that the success of the operation is predicated upon the full cooperation and support of all the parties in Yugoslavia.

The only opposition to the UN deployment came from the self-proclaimed Republic of Serbian Krajina. "It's crazy." Lazar Macura, Krajina's information minister, said. "UN troops cannot come where they are not welcome.

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This is a dangerous move." Mr Macura, speaking in a telephone interview from Knin, the capital of the Serbian-ruled enclaves of Croatia, insisted that the government of Milan Babic could not be ignored. He vowed that local troops would not give up their arms. "We are used to taking guns from our enemies, not giving them up," he said.

In Belgrade, Mihailo President Milosevic of Ser-

Krajina's resistance to the UN plan was as good as over. "Mr Babic has only a few days of power left," he said, "at best a couple of weeks."

The UN Security Council, which is due to begin talks on the secretary-general's pro-posal today, is expected to vote overwhelmingly early next week to authorise the deployment. The full UN force of 11,500 soldiers and 500 police officers will then be deployed within a month to create UN Protected Areas in the Serb enclaves of Krajina and eastern and vestern Slavonia

The pro-Serbian Yugoslav national army will withdraw from those areas, and the UN will preserve the existing civilian government, relecting the ethnic compositon of the local population until agreement is reached at a Conference on Yugoslavia on the future shape of the country. Western diplomars said the

military contingent had been expanded from 10,000 to 11,500 because of fears about the fragile ceasefire in Croatia. Marrack Goulding, who heads the UN peacekeeping mission, is said to be "very nervous" about the operation, fearing that it could lead to a repeat of the disastrous UN involvement in the Congo in the early 1960s, or leave UN peacekeepers stranded in a battle zone as has occurred in Lebanon. At the moment, there are only 50 UN military liaison officers in the former Yugoslav territory, but their numnbers will shortly be increased to 75.

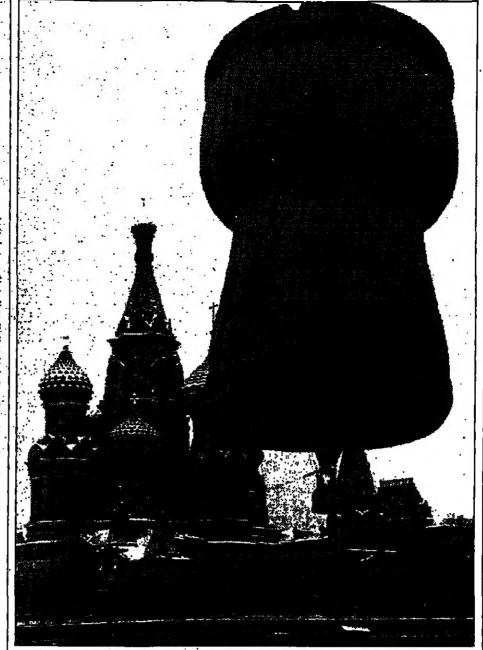
Croatia had requested that the 11,500 UN peacekeepers

bia, said he thought that a similar climate in an attempt to obtain a force made up of Europeans and Canadians thought to be sympathetic to its cause. But the United Nations is insisting on the customary geographical balance" in the make-up of the force, ensuring that troops from the Third World are sent to keep the peace on the European continent, the first such deployment in the West since the founding of the United Nations at the end of the second world war. Unlike other European countries, Britain has said it

will not provide combat troops for the operation. France, however, is said to have offered up to 4,000 men. Mr Vance is said to have believed for weeks that the ceasefire in Yugoslavia could unravel if the UN did not put in forces, while Mr Goulding was more concerned about the possibility of plunging UN troops into a quagmire. There is no risk-free strategy for the United Nations," a

senior Western envoy said.

"It's a gamble either way." Support for the operation from the Serbs and the Croats is less than unequivocal. In his latest letter to the UN. President Tudjman of Croatia reiterated his acceptance of the UN plan, but said that he regarded the key question of the maintenance of public law and order in the UN Protected Areas as a "technical question". UN officials have decided to take him at his word, ignoring his caveats in the hope that his supporters, particularly Germany, can keep him in line.



Rising trend: a hot-air balloon in the shape of a champagne cork taking off beside St Basil's cathedral in Red Square, Moscow in an advertising campaign.

Sweden abandons neutral stance

FROM REUTER IN STOCKHOLM

CARL Bildt, who next week becomes the first Conservative Swedish prime minister to visit America, said that his country's foreign and security policies could no longer be called neutral.

Sweden, officially nonaligned in peace and neutral in war since the early 19th century, was interested now in co-operating with other countries, Mr Bildt said. "Europe is different; there are no longer two confronting and competing military blocs." He added: "We are changing our policy."

His centre-right coalition

took over the government from the Social Democrats after a general election last September. The word neutrality, he said, "no longer applies as an overall description of the foreign and security policies that we intend to pursue in Europe in the 1990s. We are outside military alliances, yes, but in contrast to the past, when we tended to stay aloof from ev-

Mr Bildt's remarks underlined his government's growing distance from the neu-

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trality followed by successive Swedish governments. He added: "The Nordic countries are going to join [the EC]. We have applied, the Finns are going to apply, and later rather than sooner, the Norwegians will, so we are going into the core of Europe-

an integration."

Mr Bildt repeated his criticism of a letter from Ingvar Carlsson, the former prime minister, to President Sad-dam Hussein, which referred in neutral terms to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and like ened it to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank.

Yeltsin banishes Rutskoi to reform of farms

FROM RALPH BOULTON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin threw down the gauntlet yesterday 10 Aleksandr Rutskoi, his conservative vice-president, ordering him to push through radical agricultural reform or answer to parliament. But Mr Rutskoi signalled his determination to resist with a sharp attack on Russian reforms.

The vice-president also risked angering other onetime Soviet republics by sug-gesting future restoration of a unified state within the territory of the former Soviet

Mr Yeltsin announced Mr Rutskoi's assignment to agricultural reform, possibly the most difficult area in the administration, to loud guffaws from parliamentary dep-uties keenly aware of the vicepresident's opposition to radical change. A lack of reforming zeal from the former fighter pilot - Mr Yeltsin is demanding rapid break-up of the old farm bureaucracy and privatisa-tion of land — could quickly force a showdown between the two in parliament.

But Mr Rutskoi, deprived of many positions over the last few months, could see the "poison chalice" as a last opportunity to exert power within the administration. Outside, he enjoys broad support among conservatives, communists and army officers. President Yeltsin said that he had reached an understanding with Mr Russkoi in talks on Wednesday.

"To occupy his time to the limit, he has been entrusted with the task of overseeing agricultural reform in Russia," President Yeltsin told parliament to a wave of laughter. "He can report to the president twice a month to parliament every month," he said. As an elected official, Mr Rutskoi cannot be sacked from the vicepresidency by President Yeltsin. Only parliament can decide his fate. In Russia's Communist past, the post of party agriculture secretary was frequently seen as a political liability, an irony quickly recognised by deputies yesterday. Nikita Khrushchev's fall as party chief in 1964 was largely the result of agricultural failures. In the 1970s, a leading official, Fyodor Kulakov, faded from politics, eventually dying, after transfer to the post of agricultural

Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet president, banished his hardline political opponent, Yegor Ligachov, to the post. One man, however, did survive the appointment to rise to ultimate power Mr Gorbachev himself.

Mr Yeltsin told parliament that he was planning some changes to his economic policies to ensure better social protection of the poor and stimulate growth. "Life changes constantly. Changes mr Yeltsin said, acknowledg-ing a public outcry in the face of higher prices.

"It has become clear we need a series of measures. which cannot be put off, to stimulate our economic course. Measures will be discussed to introduce the necessary changes," he said. He gave no details.

But Yeltsin's remarks, on the eve of a summit meeting with leaders of the frail Commonwealth of Independent States in Minsk, lacked concrete proposals.

Liberals may have been alarmed by Ruiskoi's suggestion on Thursday that central control beyond Russia's current borders might yet be

 Honecker debate: Russia, Germany and Chile have renewed their debate about what to do with Erich Honecker, the former communist leader of East Germany, but there is no sign of an early end to the battle over

Herr Honecker, aged 79, has been sheltering in Chile's embassy in Moscow since mid-December. Chilean officials say that he needs urgent medical treatment but they want Russia to promise not to expel him if he goes to hospital. (Reuter)

Yugoslavia and Ulster put army cuts to test

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

challenge of deploying up to preserve to cover emergencies 1,500 men in Yugoslavia as "such as in Northern Ireland United Nations peacekeepers at a time when 2.500 more soldiers have had to be sent to

Northern Ireland: The sudden surge in military commitments has raised doubts about government plans to reduce the number of infantry battalions from 56 to 38 under the Options for Change defence cuts. Al-though the cuts have not yet been implemented, the extra military demands have provided critics of the proposals

with new ammunition. The expected formal request for British troops to join the UN force will pose a dilemma for the government. The strain on manpower caused by deployment of two infantry battalions and a gunner regiment to Northern I reland is bound to influence and Yugoslavia.

The government has two options: either to send a selfsupporting battalion group of about 1,500 men which could be deployed in one area of Croatia under the aegis of the UN, but acting as a separate British unit; or to send 1,000 to 1,500 men to provide logistic support, including signals, communications and medical services, who could be deployed in different United Nations peacekeeping areas under different national commands.

The first option will be regarded by the government as a high-risk mission, because the British battalion group would be a single fighting force, which could be vulnerable to indiscriminate shell or sniper fire. The main advantage is that it would be under



BRITAIN is faced with the goslavia. There is no built-in could be withdrawn if the government decided to pull out of the UN commitment.

However, committing a tai lor-made force to a long-term peacekeeping role will affect the rest of the army. In practice, assigning one battalion to a particular task means tying up at least four other battalions because of the need to train the next units in line and to retrain soldiers returning from Yugoslavia. Although the second option

involves a lower risk, it would mean that Britain would accept an equally low profile in a UN force, which would be seen as a litmus test for a UN peacekeeping role in other European troublespots. The French have made it clear they are prepared to send 4,000 soldiers to Yugoslavia. That might encourage Britain to try to match the French, not in manpower terms but in combat effectiveness.

Ministers previously have discounted sending combat troops to Yugoslavia. The government may not want to be seen to be upstaged by the French, however, and the option of sending a full battalion group of 1,500 soldiers is under consideration as one of several contingency plans drawn up by the defence ministry. With an election looming, ministers may try to play down the strain on manpower by talking of Yugoslavia as a short-term commitment. It is widely recognised, however, that once UN peacekeepers have arrived in Yugoslavia, they will be there for a

Spain tries to stem migrant flood The stream of North Africans who are entering the EC illegally via Spain is

number of illegal immigrants entering Spain from North Africa has raised fears that the tide could turn into a flood unless the Spanish government tightens controls along its southern Mediterranean coastline.

Felipe González, the prime minister, has identified illegal immigration as one of the key problems facing Spain and the European Community in the run-up to the next EC summit in Lisbon in June. "We are doing all we can to stem the flow," he said. "But whatever we'll do will not be enough without a properly coordinated policy to ease the pressures that lead people to emigrate from these

countries. Señor González was speak-ing as the authorities in Almeria, in southern Spain, revealed that so far this year they had sent back 144 illegal immigrants to Morocco. This compares with a total of 370 during the whole of 1991. But police admit that at least half of those North Africans who make it to southern Spain manage to avoid detec-tion. "The Mediterranean is our Rio Grande," said Carlos Westendorp, the Spanish minister for Europe, "and illegal North African immigrants are the wetbacks." For some time now, there

has been a steady, almost

fast moving up the European agenda, Frank Smith reports from Madrid



González: need for a

co-ordinated policy daily stream of people trying to land illegally on the Costa del Sol from the countries of the Maghreb. On Tuesday, 16 Moroccans were deported after being arrested on a beach near the city of Almeria, having made the crossing from Morocco in a small boat. At least 20 others

Five days before that, in by far the biggest recorded incident to date, as many as 300 people, crammed together in a small fishing boat, made a perilous crossing from Nador

in Morocco to Almeria. As they approached the Spanish coast, the would-be immigrants jumped into the sea. and swam ashore. Two men were drowned in the attempt and over a hundred were arrested and subsequently

According to Señor Gonzá-

deported.

lez, illegal immigrations from North Africa through Spain into the rest of the European Community, will continue to increase. He attributed the flood of illegal immgration to "a lack of social and economic prospects, a galloping population growth and political tensions in countries like Algeria." The solution, he believed, lay partly in coordinated control of frontiers, an EC police force, as advocated by Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, as well as in increased EC aid to the Maghreb countries to alleviate underlying tensions. He condemned the European parliament's recent decision to block an EC financial agreement with Morocco as a very serious political

mistake Señor González was confi-

and Spain's part in it - after the agreements reached at the last EC summit in December. "Maastricht was a very positive step in the right direction of European political, economic and monetary union," he said. He added: "None of our countries is big enough on its own to meet the economic, political or trade challenges of the internation-

He dismissed reports that Spain's economic bubble would burst with the advent of greater competition when the single market was formed. There have been a lot of myths about 1992," he said. "It is just the final step of a process of change which has been going on now for some

The prime minister be-lieved that next big test for the Spanish economy would come in 1997, when the criteria for European economic and monetary convergence were due to be met. He thoughtSpain was up to the challenge."In any case, he believed that monetary union was an "irreversible process" that would affect all countries now in the EC and a few that were not yet members.

"We have got to get over the idea that a single currency somehow means a loss of sovereignty," Señor González

Retrial on Bologna bombing

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS

ITALY'S highest court yester-day ordered a new trial of extreme right-wing activists suspected of involvement in the 1980 bombing of Bolo gna railway station in which 85 people died.

On Wednesday night the upreme court annulled a 1990 appeal court judgement that had quashed convictions and life sentences on four neo-fascists. The four will have to stand trial again on charges of massacre, multiple murder and illegal transport

of explosives.

Valerio Fiorivanti, head of the Armed Revolutionary Nucleii group, and his wife, Francesca Mambro, were convicted in the first trial of planting and detonating the bomb. Massimiliano Fachini and Sergio Picciafuoco were also given life sentences in the first trial. Nine others, who had lesser sentences quashed, will also face a new trial.

VATICAN GAME

l'pon an emerald island of green

Infernal noise has nuns on the run

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

For almost a thousand years, the Benedictine nuns of the abbey of Notre Dame du Pré have prayed and meditated in the tranquility of their retreat on the banks of the River Touques in Lisieux.

Even the bombardment of the abbey during the wartime battle for Normandy, when 20 of the nuns were killed, did not shake the sisters' faith that their destiny still lay on the spot where St Thérèse had made her first communion.

But the din of modern life has finally proved too much for the Benedictines and they have decided to move to new quarters deeper in the Normandy countryside.

hope to be installed in Valmont abbey, a mere 400 years old and greatly run down, but safely out of earshot of the 20th century and The problem with Li-

sieux, the mother superior told Le Figaro, was that the town had grown all around the abbey, gradually enveloping it in the daily grind of traffic. "We are now stuck between the main Paris-Caen road and the railway that links Caen and Cherbourg with the capital," she said. "There are traffic lights on the crossroads near us, which means constant stopping and starting. and the trains run through

By the end of next year, they our grounds only a hundred yards from the house." Not the ideal conditions

for an order that the Pope had exhorted, during his visit to Lisieux in 1980, to hold fast to its traditions of "silence and repose in a civilisation ever more mobile and more clamorous". The Pope's parting message, the mother superior recalls, was to resist the rude impact of this outside world at all costs: there was greater need than ever for zones

las, the difficulties were A simply too great for the abbey to overcome, especially since the resident community had dwindled

from about 60 nuns to 32. This is obviously due in part to a crisis of faith," the abbess acknowledged, "but our convent's position is not going to move young girls to take the veil and begin a life of solitude and silence." By a stroke of fate, which

the nuns of Lisieux attribute

to the power of prayer, a

wealthy Roman Catholic family recently offered the community a new home in Valmont. "A beautiful place that breathes serenity and silence ... and available on very good financial terms," the abbess confided, taking the opportunity to say that any help Le Figaro readers might be able to offer would be welcome.

Le Pen adds to Socialist woes

By PHILIP JACOBSON

THE plummeting morale of France's ruling Socialists took another hard knock yesterday when a fresh opinion poll revealed that the extreme right-wing National Front has overtaken them in the run-up to the local elections in the Paris region next month.

With the besieged prime minister, Edith Cresson, still losing ground in the eyes of voters, and cabinet ministers shuffling nervously out of the electoral line of fire, the government appears increasingly to be resigned to defeat.

According to the figures published in yesterday's Liberation, Jean-Marie Le Pen's party will take 17 per cent of the vote in the Ile-de-France region, I per cent ahead of the Socialists. Given the continuing upsurge of support Socialists' demoralisation, the National Front has every chance of cruising home in second place behind the conservative coalition.

The collapse of support for the Socialists in the Ile-de-France has ominous implications beyond the capital. The latest poll also suggests that M Le Pen is breathing down the government's neck in the Rhône-Alpes constituency scored 16 per cent against the Socialists' 18 per cent where a victory for the orthodox right is on the cards. In the light of these find-

ings, Mme Cresson's "victory" in parliament earlier this week - overcoming a half-hearted oppositon motion of censure over the botched handling of the

for the far right, as well as the . Habash affair - looks the most temporary of reprieves. The reluctance of her cabinet colleagues to allow their names onto Socialist lists for next month's regional polls emphasises the depths of the party's demoralisation. When someone of the standing of Michel Charasse, the budget minister, has his arm twisted hard before agreeing to do battle for the party, even Mme Cresson's renowned fighting spirit must falter.

As if M Le Pen's challenge from the further reaches of the right were not worrying enough, the Socialists also face serious competition from the green lobby. Recent polls have shown a big increase in support for one or other of the two main groups campaigning on ecological manifestos.

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Richard Bruce Wright, W

Japanese scandal emerges

Bribe squads raid suspects

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN TOKYO

JAPANESE prosecutors yesterday raided homes and companies linked to a transport group and a crime syndicate, threatening to unleash the biggest scandal to hit the Japanese establishment

The ruling Liberal Democratic party bowed to opposi-tion demands that Zenko Suzuki, the former prime minsiter, should testify in parliament on his role in another scandal involving an aide to Kiichi Miyazawa, the present prime minister.

The nationwide raids. backed up by police, followed weeks of rumours about payments by Tokyo Sagawa Kyubin. a parcel delivery company, to 200 MPs from all parties. More than 20 places were raided, including the homes of former Sagawa Kyubin executives, companies which received loans from the group, and Inagawa-kai, a criminal

organisation.
The LDP is already facing a scandal involving Fumio Abe, the former head of Mr Miyazawa's own faction in the party. Opposition parties have boycotted parliament for more than a week, pressing the party to summon Mr Abe, charged this month with receiving bribes while he was a minister, and others who are implicated.

It was reported late yester-day that the Liberal Democrats had basically accepted the demands but had failed to guarantee the appearance of Mr Abe, Mr Suzuki and another former minister. Jun Shiozaki. The LDP does not want Mr Suzuki, who was prime minister in 1980-2, to be legally responsible for what he says, whereas the opposition insists he should be subject to normal judicial procedures, including laws

on perjury. Parliamentary business is expected to resume on Monday as a result of the ruling party caving in to opposition demands. The Liberal Democrats had already agreed to

summon Mr Shiozaki who served as minister in 1983 and 1990. It was unclear yesterday if it had agreed to. summon Mr Abe, former head of the Hokkaido and Okinawa development agencies. Mr Abe and the two others, also members of the Miyazawa faction, are suspected of receiving 500 million yen (£2 million) from the steel-frame manufacturer, Kyowa Company, in return for political favours.

The opposition have been demanding the summoning of 21 people connected with the case, as well as with the Recruit scandal four years ago, involving stocks in ex-change for favours, which led to the collapse of the govern-ment of Noboru Takeshita in 1989. Their demands have been fuelled by the LDP's loss of an upper house by election on Sunday to an opposition candidate who campaigned

on the scandals. The election was seen as a prelude to the July polls for the upper house where the opposition already has control. Yesterday's raids coincided with reports that prosecutors were preparing to arrest the former president of Sagawa Kyubin, Hiroyasu Watsnabe, and the former managing director, Jun Saotome, on charges of breach-

ing company trust. The two men are suspected of giving 110 billion yen, which has never been recovered, in the loans and guarantees to two companies with which they were linked. The figure is part of the 900 billion yen in loans and guaran-tees that were provided to some 90 companies and individuals since 1987.

Some 100 billion yen ol this money is suspected to have ended up in the pockets of 200 MPs. Executives of the two companies linked to the former Sagawa Kyubin officials - a medical equipment company and a golf course developer - are also expected



Election footnote: a boy studies Imelda Marcos's shoes as the for-mer first lady of the Philippines-addresses a political rally in Vigan. Mrs Marcos, who left thousands of shoes behind when her family fled to the United States in 1986, is seek-ing to succeed President Aquino in

the May 11 polls. Election officials have disqualified 68 "nuisance candidates" running for president, so dashing the hopes of a self-pro-claimed former Nazi general and other unknowns (AFP reports from Manila). At least one of the fringe runners plans to contest the ruling,

which leaves only eight candidates: Mrs Marcos, Ramon Mitra, Fidel Ramos, Eduardo Cojuangeo, Jovito Salonga, Salvador Laurel, Joseph Estrada and Miriam Santiago. An election commission resolution said dignity must be afforded to the pres-idency, and that there were indica-

tions that the aspirations of the 68 candidates would "put the electoral process in confusion". Jose Mati, a businessman and disillusioned Aquino follower, indignant at being labelled a nuisance, said he would

file a petition before the supreme court questioning the ruling.

Zhao's dinner date feeds rumours of a comeback

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

THE sight of an elderly man celebrating his daughter's birthday with his family in a restaurant would not normally cause comment. But when he is Zhao Ziyang, the former leader of China's Communist party, who all but vanished after he was toppled from power for supporting pro-democracy demonstrators in

1989, eyebrows are raised. When rumours spread that Mr Zhao had been seen in the luxury Great Wall Sheraton Hotel, the management fiatly denied it, perhaps, on the orders of the government, a department of which is a joint venture partner in the hotel. But independent sources con-firmed that Mr Zhao, aged 72, and his family had eaten a meal in the Yuen Tai Restaurant and then tucked into

In almost three years, there have been only two sightings of Mr Zhao. A year after

hardliners ousted him, he was spotted playing golf at the Japanese club outside Peking, where his name is still on the membership board. That he was playing golf suggested he was not really under house arrest, but had made an gentleman's agreement with the party to keep a low profile if he could entertain imself as he wished.

For two and a half years, hardliners have been trying to gather enough evidence against Mr Zhao to throw him out of the party and charge him with treason. But the latest sighting of Mr Zhao lends weight to speculation that this year he will gradually return to the public eye, and indeed to public office. That would be the first move towards a reassessment of the killings of pro-democracy supporters in Tiananmen Square in 1989. Deng Xiaoping, aged 87.

the senior leader, and Mr Zhao have had a stormy relationship. During the Cultural Revolution, Mr Zhao, trying to save his own political skin. urged Red Guards to topple Mr Deng. Yet Mr Deng rec-ognised Mr Zhao's talent for economic reform, bringing him into the politburo in 1980. Seven years later, he designated Mr Zhao his chosen successor. Bur in 1989 Mr Deng dumped Mr Zhao for supporting students' calls for democracy.

Now, in an apparent lastditch attempt to save his economic reforms, Mr Deng seems to be supporting Mr Zhao's return to public life. Hong Kong newspapers have reported that Mr Deng said: "Zhao is very resourceful. If you say I am the chief archi-tect of reform and opening up, then Zhao Ziyang was at least the chief engineeer. You must not negate him."

China hand-picks Hong Kong team

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN HONG KONG

PEKING has chosen the first batch of Hong Kong people to act as advisers on the affairs of the British territory that reverts to Chinese sovereignty in 1997. Chinese offi-cial sources here said

Sources close to the Xinhua news agency. Peking's de fac-to embassy in Hong Kong. said the first group of about 40 prominent Hong Kong people were invited on Wednesday to visit Peking next month for formal appointment as advisers on Hong Kong affairs. Before going to Peking, the group will visit China's aerospace technology and satellite launching centre in Xichang in western Si-chuan province. The advisers are expected to work with the Hong Kong and Macao Af-fairs Office of the Chinese state council or with Xinhua.

the sources added. Reports said the list included business leaders such as Li Ka-shing, Henry Fok and Sir Run Run Shaw, as well as Peter Tsao, a retired government official, local National People's Congress delegates, and former Basic Law drafting committee members. Many have accepted the invitation to act as advisers, but others are still considering the offer. Their tenure will be

for renewable two-year terms. The sources close to Xinhua said the group did not include any liberal legislators elected in the colony's first direct elections to the legislative council in September because those legislators were opposed to the Chinese Commu-

nist party and government. Meanwhile 16 more Vietnamese boat people were arrested here yesterday in connection with the rioting in a detention camp last week that killed 23 people, police

Briton to fight Thais on salvage

Singapore: Michael Hatcher, a British treasure hunter, said he wanted to take legal action against Thailand after its navy seized antique procelain he had salvaged from an ancient shipwreck.

The Thai navy last week seized 10,000 porcelain artefacts that Mr Hatcher and his crew had taken from the 600-year-old vessel. He values the haul at more than £2.8 million. Thailand claims that the wreck lies within its territorial waters.
"If we could take this to the

International Court of Justice [in The Hague] we will win," said Mr Hatcher, who heads of a consortium of European. Australian and American businessmen. However, since the court only settles disputes between governments, Mr Hatcher said he planned to ask the British government to lodge the complaint. (Reuter)

Warming peril Bangkok: Global warming may threaten many jobs, farmland and much of the coastline in Southeast Asia, the United Nations environment programme said, because of rising temperatures and sea levels. (AP)

Lee challenge

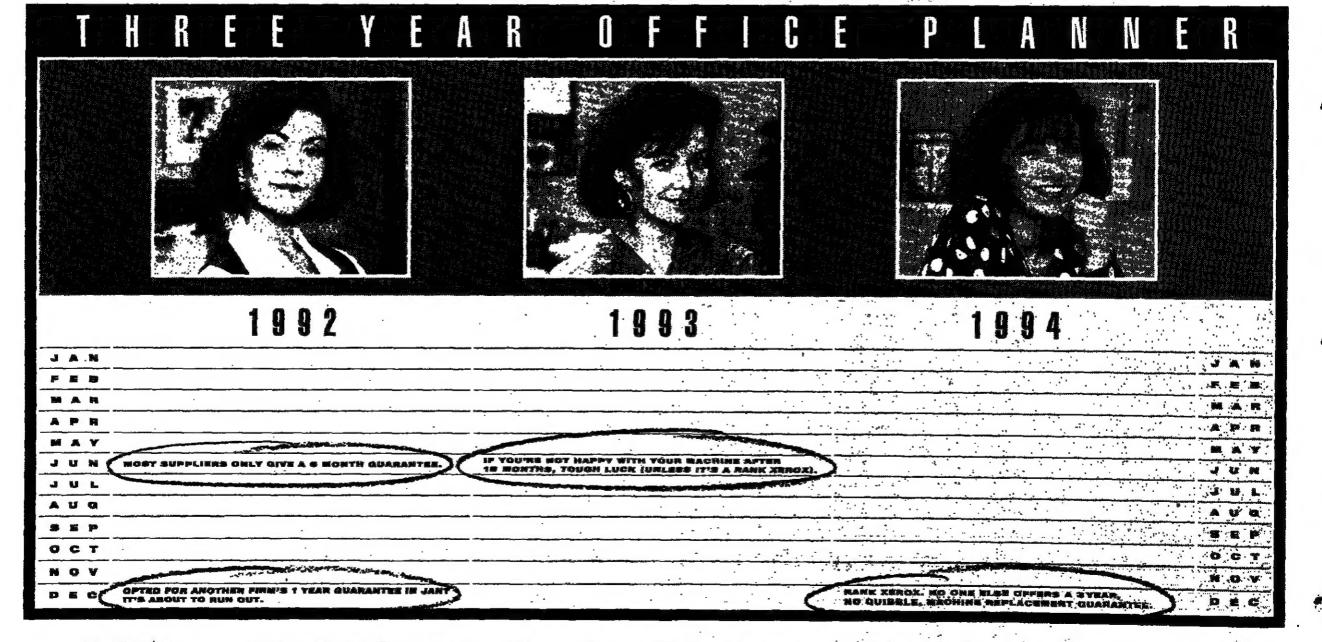
Tokyo: Lee Kuan Yew, the former prime minister of Singapore, urged Japan to admit its atrocities committed in the second world war. He told a seminar in Kyoto that Japan ought to follow Germany's example. (Reuter)

Nerve gas alert Majuro: The US Army temporarily closed down its nerve gas destruction plant on the remote Marshall island of Johnston in the Pacific last month after a furnace explosion, a spokesman said yesterday. (Reuter)

Ice and slow

Wellington: A letter written by T. Griffith-Taylor, a mem-ber of Captain Robert Falcon Scott's ill-fated expedition 80 years ago, which was left on the ice in a cigarette tin marked "London", has been found in the Antarctic. (AFP)

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Andrew Lloyd Webber, the

millionaire composer, has

stopped giving personal items to charity auctions because he is fed up with people cashing

in by reselling them. His per-sonal assistant told one

school: "Regrettably, in order

to retain some control over

effects personal to Andrew

Lloyd Webber and The Really

Useful Group, we have been forced to adopt this policy."

Benav Hill will leave hospital

this weekend after "having his wrists slapped" by doc-

tors, Dennis Kirkland, his

friend and producer, said. But before being driven to his flat in Teddington, west

London, he will get a stern warning to lead a healthier

lifestyle. The 17-stone comedian was taken to a private hospital on Monday com-plaining of chest pains.

Constantine Mitsotakis, the

Greek prime minister, was

escorted by Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia to the annual

camel race festival supervised by King Fahd. The camel

race is the opening act in a national festival for heritage

and culture held at Jana-

A pencil sketch of a nude

woman made by Anthony Blust, the fourth man in the spy ring involving Kim Philby, Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean, when he

was 14 fetched £190 at auc-

tion in Hitchin, Hertford-

shire. The picture, the only known work by Blunt, who

went on to become Surveyor

of the Queen's Pictures, was

bought by a German art

Bob Hawke, the former Aus-

tralian prime minister, has

signed a contract to write his

memoirs, the publishers Wil-liam Heinemann Australia said. Mr Hawke, aged 62, a

one-time self-confessed heavy

drinker, led his party to four

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Democrats beg Cuomo to join race

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN A Concord office cluttered with election paraphernalia. late at night, volunteers were still answering a bank of ring-ing telephones. It could have been any of New Hamp-shire's presidential campaign offices. The difference was that this office was busier, and its candidate, Mario Cuomo, is not in the race. .

Soon after New York's dithering governor ruled himself out on December 20, Phil Krone and Don Rose, distressed political consultants from Chicago, launched a "draft Cuomo" write-in cam-paign to try to change his mind. The idea was mocked at the time. Seven weeks later, with adultery and draft-dodging charges destroying the campaign of Bill Clinton, the governor of Arkansas, their highly professional effort is beginning to take off.

They have sent out 86,000 leaflets telling Democrats ex-actly what to do, distributed 50,000 pencils bearing Mr Cuomo's name, and are running a \$25,000 (£14,000) adventising blitz in the final week. It is attracting big media coverage. The phones rarely stop, money is flowing in, and desperate Democrats are telling pollsters they will write in Mr Cuomo's name on a blank space beneath the 36 official names on Tuesday's ballot paper.

Mr Cuomo is not draftdodging. He spent Wednesday evening at Harvard, just south of the state border, delivering a campaign-style speech which he knew Boston's television stations would beam into southern New Hampshire and would up-

stage the official candidates. He insists a partisan deadlock over New York's budget still stops him standing, but quickly adds: "Why should I discourage them? What do you want me to do - win the

arrogance award?" Messrs Krone and Rose are plausibly aiming for 15 per cent or roughly 20,000 votes. enough to place Mr Cuomo third, give their campaign momentum, and destroy the credibility of the fourth, fifth and sixth placed candidates.

That Mr Cuomo's un-candidacy should even register is the measure of the Democrats' panic. For want of an

PAKISTANI Kashmiris

abandoned their siege of the

border with India yesterday.

beaten by thousands of troops

lined up three miles from the

frontier with orders to shoot

Senior army officers told

march leaders in a bizarre night time meeting in an ambulance parked on a

mountain track that there

would be a bloodbath if the

thousands of marchers at-

tempted to go closer to the

1949 line of control dividing Kashmir. Sixteen people had

died when thousands of

people stormed and overran

YASSIR Arafat, the chair-

man of the Palestine Libera-

tion Organisation, said

yesterday that a tape record-

ing, alleged to contain anti-

Jewish remarks by him, had

Speaking through an inter-

preter, Mr Arafat said: "I am

not concerned with this tape.

either closely or remotely.

because it was a dubbed tape.

that is to say, this is a tape

He was commenting on the

issue for the first time since

Wednesday's broadcast by

America's Cable News Net-

work of an alleged conversa-

tion between him and an

aide, in which a voice said to

be that of the PLO leader

made strongly anti-Jewish re-

marks. CNN said it had ob-

tained the tape from a

"Western law enforcement

agency" and that it was

thought to be a recording of a

telephone conversation on

January 30 between Mr

Arafat in Tunis and Ibrahim

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PLO threat to sue

over Arafat tape

FROM REUTER IN GENEVA

electable candidate, they fear, they could squander their best chance to regain the White House since 1976.

The steady drip-drip of allegations against Mr Clinton has their golden boy's cam-paign in a political tailspin, and yesterday the leak of a letter he wrote to an army reserve recruiting officer during Vietnam was front-page news in every paper.

Mr Clinton, then an antiwar activist studying at Oxford, thanked the officer for "saving me from the draft" and acknowledged mislead-ing him to obtain a defer-ment. He had later surrendered that deferment "to maintain my political viability", a statement at odds with last week's claim that he did so out of conscience.

A Boston Globe poll yester-day gave Mr Clinton cent in New Hampshire. down more than 15 points in a week and 11 behind Paul Tsongas. He looked strained and weary. He cannot make his political message heard. Rivals are openly questioning his credibility. Dispirited aides now talk of merely surviving a primary he seemed to have sewn up, while Washington Democrats believe that if he won the party nomination he would be destroyed by Mr Bush.

Mr Clinton vows to "fight like hell". He still attracts big money and large crowds. He has taken half-hour television slots to talk directly to the voters. He urges them to "take back their election" from dirty tricks merchants spreading lies about "a woman I didn't sleep with and a draft I didn't dodge". There could yet be a sympa-

thetic backlash in his favour.

Mr Tsongas has a resonant message of economic puriturism but lacks strength outside his native New England, and too many Democrats recall how another Massachusetts Greek, Michael Dukakis, flopped in 1988. Bob Kerrey, the Nebraska senator, now has an advertisement sug-gesting he is the only electable candidate, but despite a wondrous resume, the Granite State has not warmed to his introspective mysticism.

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Thwarted marchers turn

on Pakistani protectors

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN MUZAFFARABAD

in battles that went on all day

on Wednesday, according to

the Edhi Foundation, a pri-

vate welfare organisation that

provided a fleet of ambu-

lances to carry away the dead

and injured. It said 350 people were injured, up to 60

seriously. The government

barrier at the "red line" with-

in sight of the hills on the

Indian side of Kashmir.

Amanulla Khan, the leader of

the Jammu and Kashmir Lib-

eration Front, a separatist

group that led the assault,

Kashmiri capital of Muzaf-

Souss, the PLO representa-

tive in Paris. Mr Souss has

denied that Mr Arafat made

anti-Semitic remarks and

promised to sue both CNN

and America for defamation

and for violating his privacy.

At yesterday's news confer-

ence, Mr Arafat would not

deny - despite repeated ques-

tions - that the voice on the

tape was his, even if it had

been edited. Instead, he criti-

cised the bugging of tele-phone lines. "It is a fabricated

tape. There are sections on

this tape that are fabricated.

Therefore it is not something

which concerns me. It con-

cerns the French govern-

Mr Arafat's alleged conver-

sation with Mr Souss fol-

lowed the arrival in Paris last

month of George Habash,

the Palestinain guerrilla lead-

er, for medical treatment. His

treatment in a Red Cross

clinic sparked a political row

that embarrassed the French

ment," he said.

The army formed the final

put the toll at three dead.



Fight for life: an unidentified man is swept away in the flooded Los Angeles River near Reseda, in the San Fernando Valley in southern California. Several efforts to rescue him failed and he is now listed among the many missing in the floods, after heavy rains pounded

described by meteorologists as the community of Malibu, where many worst for 100 years (Reuter writes). Officials said at least seven missing people were feared to have been swept away by torrents of water gushing along normally dry creeks and river beds. The storm threatened to wash away million-dollar

movie stars and other leading figures in the entertainment industry live. Pete Wilson, the governor of California, declared a state of emergency in Los Angeles and Ventura counties, freeing funds to help people who had lost their homes and belongings. More than 1,000

people were evacuated to Red Cross centres as flash flood warnings Pacific coast, would hit the mainland tomorrow and at the weekend. Mudslides and falling rocks have

shelters in schools and community were posted. Weathermen said three more storms, lurking off the also disrupted road traffic.

Teflon Don sticks to old-time style

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK loves nostalgia. From the art-deco grandeur of the Rainbow Room and the Chrysler building to the bagel shops of Queens, citizens revel in the feel of the bygone age that suffuses the city.

This yearning for a more stylish time is afflicting the Brooklyn federal court where John Gotti, the "Teflon Don", has just entered the dock in a trial which most expect to bring down the cur-tain on the old-style Mafia.

Everyone, from the dapper Mr Gotti to the candidate jurors, have been playing up to the colourful world of the lywood version. At centre stage, straight from central casting, sits the alleged don, draped in elegant pinstripes and a sinister smile. His aim is to dominate the

court and unsettle his adversaries with wise-cracks about the Feds who are trying to

farabad lest night and said

that he would not attempt to

However, protesters marched through the narrow streets of the the city chant-

ing: "Go back Pakistani dogs. Crush Pakistan. Freedom for

Kashmir." It was the first

time such a demonstration has been seen in Pakistan-controlled Kashmir. There now seems little doubt that an

independence movement has

The determination of sup-

porters of the liberation front

to break through to India

stunned both the security

forces and the Pakistani gov-

ernment. Mian Nawaz Sha-

rif, the prime minister, who

was under intense interna-

tional pressure to prevent the

threat of another war with

India, gave firm instructions that nobody should be

allowed to breach the divid-

Yesterday, the young men lying in the hospital here could hardly believe what had

happened to them. They were

confused and angry. Mush-

Aziz, a refugee from India

aged 20, who was shot in the

chest, said he too felt be-

waist down.

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ing line whatever the cost.

taken firm root.

penetrate army lines.

nail him for his alleged authorship of five rub-outs, including that of Paul Castellano, his alleged predecessor as godfather of the Gambinos. In one crack, he described Judge Leo Glasser as a "faggot" (homosexual) and, displeased by the un-kempt appearance of two young prosecutors, he won-dered: "When is the last time those punks washed their

When Judge Glasser threatened to move the trial out of New York, away from Mr Gotti's turf, the "reputed mobster" played to his public. Stuttgart, West Germany?". He then turned with a grin to his co-defendent, Frank Locasio. "Frankie, get down on your knees and big him not to move it." A ripple of appreciation rolled through the public benches, which are heavily populated by Mr

Gotti's alleged goodfellas. These men in doublebreasted suits with padded shoulders were accorded a

full sartorial critique by Newsday yesterday. "Calm stripes and turbulent ties are standout fashion features," the couture writer said. "The younger men prefer more ex-treme peaked lapels and generally do not have cuffs on their trousers." Whatever their attire, the

Gotti crew has weighed on the minds of potential jurors. several of whom were excused after expressing their fears. "Jury Petrified They'll End the New York Post. One juror was dismissed when he told the judge that his neighbour "was eliminated from the planet for fooling around with a mobster's wife".

Even Andrew Maloney, the chief prosecutor, succumbed to a little gangster theatricals

in his opening speech on Wednesday. "This is a case about the Gambino crime. family of La Cosa Nostra and its leadership, two of whom are sitting before you," he told the jury in tones that came straight from the voice-over to an episode of The Untouchables.

This is a case about a Mafia boss being brought down by his own words, his own right arm." He was re-ferring to the two chief weapons which Mr Maloney hopes will win him the victory which was denied to his colleagues in three previous trials of the a humble plumbing sales-man. These are the treason of Sammy Gravano, his alleged consigliere and now a prosecution witness, and tapes from an FBI bug at Mr Gotti's hangout in Little Italy.

In them, his voice can be heard ordering the "whack-

ing" of business rivals and disloyal lieutenants while proclaiming such things as: 'We're gonna sever your f..... head off, see. This is gonna be a Cosa Nostra until I die." Carried away somewhat, Mr Maloney listed Mr Gotti's alleged greatest hits and asked rhetorically: "Who tells you everything I've just said?" Jerking his arm towards the Mr Gotti, he formed a pistol with his flaggers, cooled the with his fingers, cocked the trigger, pointed to his head, and said slowly: "John Gotti does."

The defence lawyer, Albeet J. Krieger, in his opening tacked the prosecution's key witness telling jurors that Salvatore "Sammy Bull" Gravano is "full of evil." He said Gravano, "Is a little man full of evil, corruption, manipulation and vanity, who has tried to clear his slate by admitting to 19 murders.™

power, a Labor record.

Tony Hancock's widow has attacked the BBC for the televised drama produced about the last years of the comic's life. Freddie Hancock, aged 61, who was employed as a consultant on the programme, has said in Austra-tia that her main complaint was that the programme was an impressionistic rather than a photographic reproduction of Hancock's final

Satyajīt Ray, India's best known film director, is in hospital with kidney problems, Calcutta's Telegraph newspaper reported. He has long suffered heart problems. Ray, aged 70, is due to receive a special Oscar for lifetime achievement in cinema.

Derck Humphry, the 62-year-old Englishman who founded the Hemlock Society, said he will step down on August 1 as executive director of the right-to-die advocacy group which he started in his

Los Angeles garage in 1980.

Whoopi Goldberg, the American actress, has bought a 52 acre bushveld property near South Africa's Kruger Park game reserve in nonhern Transvaal, an estate agent

attack military post FROM ALFRED HERMIDA IN ALGIERS in Algiers in preparation for weekly prayer meetings, with troops armed with live am-

Algeria extremists

ISLAMIC extremists attacked a guard post at a military base in Algiers early yesterday, killing one marine. The attack came amid fears of an outburst of fundamentalist anger at weekly prayer meetings today.

Two of the attackers were killed in an exchange of gunfire. The rest were arrested after a police chase and several weapons were recovered, Algerian Radio reported.

This is the latest in a series of attacks on the security forces by Islamic extremists. Six police officers were killed in the capital earlier this week when militants opened fire with automatic rifles. Two other officers were stabbed to death in a town to the east.

The military-backed authorities believe there are a number of active clandestine groups of Islamic extremists. Six people belonging to one group were arrested in Al-giers this week. In Tipaza, to the west, four members of

another group were found. There is an increased security presence on the streets

Tension has been heightened by uncertainty over whether the party will go ahead with a march through the captial today. It called for the march last week, in protest against "the political piracy" of the authorities. But since then the demonstration has been banned and the authorities have started proceedings to outlaw the party.

munition. Last Friday there was a wave of violence across

the country as the security forces clashed with funda-

mentalists, protesting against

the cancellation of elections

last month which the Islamic

Salvation Front was poised to

win. At least 60 people have

been killed over the past week.

The 12-month state of emergency, imposed on Sunday evening, gives the security forces sweeping powers of arrest and detention. Muhammed Boudiaf, the head of state, said any means were justified to restore the rule of law.

The White House has begun the search for a new director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration following the forced resignation of Richard Truly, the former astronaut, aged 54.

Royal embrace: the Prince of Wales kissing his wife after playing polo in Jaipur yesterday

Princely peck leaves polo fans swooning

By ALAN HAMILTON

taq Rathore, a student aged 21, was shot in the back and, vaded a polo field at Jaipur according to doctors, parayesterday for the rare sight of lysed permanently from the the Prince of Wales kissing his wife in public, an intima-"I am a Muslim and I was cy that the country's romanshot by Muslims. We have tic film industry would been betrayed. Pakistan is normally regard as far too trying to destroy the freedom hot for the screen. struggle," he said. Abdul

A crowd, estimated at 8,000, gathered to watch the prince play for the Harrow-educated Maharajah of Jaipur's team in a charity match. After the game, which the Maharajah's team won 4-3, the crowd poured on to the field to see the Princess of Wales present the prizes. The prince planted a firm kiss on the princess's cheek. a normal activity at polo

The six-day official visit, in-tended to breathe some warmth into the relationship between the old mother country and the former jewel

THOUSANDS of Indians in- in its imperial crown, has made only a slight impression in India, where the media are more concerned with tension on the Pakistan border in Kashmir. Security considerations

have been paramount. Not content with preventing the prince from having his pulse taken by a holistic doctor in Delhi on Wednesday, his advisers yesterday stopped a village headman from tying a gaily-coloured turban around his head.

Narpat Singh, headman-of the model village of Tilonia, 65 miles west of Jaipur, wished to honour the royal visitor who had come to see alternative technology at work. Some of the 2,000 villagers had woven a piece of turban cloth as a gift, but security officials refused to let Mr Singh place it on the

Detective barred from Ward court

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

A BRITISH detective was holes in their investigations", barred yesterday from sitting Mr Orengo said that Mr in on the trial in Nairobi of two game rangers accused of murdering Julie Ward. The move against Det Chief Supt Graham Searle, of Scotland Yard, was ordered by Mr Justice Fidahussein Abdullah at the request of the defence. Mr James Orengo asked

the court to bar Mr Searle from the proceedings. He said: "To put it bluntly, during the course of the case, we are going to question the role of the Kenyan police and Scotland Yard over the manner they obtained statements and created all sorts of loop-

Searle, who until yesterday had assisted the prosecution, should be sent out of the court because, as the defence crossexamined witnesses about statements they made to the British police, "Mr Searle might have the opportunity to brief witnesses about our line of argument". The judge accepted the argument.

It came as evidence emerged that the car belonging to Miss Ward, killed in a Kenyan game reserve in 1988, was seen being driven in the Masai Mara three days after she disappeared.

Until yesterday it had been assumed that Miss Ward's brown Suzuki jeep had got stuck in a gully on September o, 1988, the day she vanished. But under defence cross-examination. Derek Dames, a tour manager for Kerr and Downey safaris. said in Nairobi high court that a member of his camping crew had told him he had seen the car being driven on September 9.

Peter Kipeen, aged 26, and Jonah Magiroi, aged 28. game rangers stationed at the nearby Makari Rangers outpost, are on trial for the murder of Miss Ward, aged 28.



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A festival filled with romance

Philip Howard investigates the origins of St Valentine's Day

oday is one of the best-known dates in the calendar, dedicated to flaunting one's heart on one's sleeve in an exhibitionist way. The British are peculiarly bad at it. as can be read in the endless coy and suggestive bad-taste entries in the personal columns of the newsapers. Red roses, lighter than air balloons, chocolates, and other more or less appropriate amorous tokens are being delivered around the country by last minute credit card. We are embarrassed by emotion, though you might not guess that from the behaviour of the British on television programmes, where they are invited to bare their amorous propensities. So we turn the day into a

populist lark. And we blame the vulgarity on trade, and the Americans. In Los Angeles, a company called Lovers' Letters Ink has been set up to write love letters for the illiterate or the seriously busy, guaranteed to turn the sender into a regular Lord

Byron. One man has sent the same passionate letter to six valentine ladies this year, paying for them with a credit card held jointly with

Valentine's Day, with all its the printing and florist industries, is one of the less likely results of the cult of the Roman martyrs. But it is older and odder than we grumbling

think. People have St Valentine, older and odder than we think about the peculiar institution for ages. As long ago as 1863, Robert Chambers, the Edinburgh autodidact, wrote: "Valentine's Day is now almost everywhere a much degenerated festival, the only observance of any note consisting merely of the sending of jocular anonymous letters to parties whom one wishes

much to the humbler classes. The older festival, before the arrival of mass commercialism and twee cards in the best possible taste, consisted of a flirtatious lucky dip. An equal number of male and female friends wrote their names or noms de plume on bits of paper and then drew them like lots. Each young man drew a each girl drew her male valentine. "By this means each has two valentines; but the man sticks faster to the valentine that has fallen to him than to the valentine to whom he is fallen." Presents were exchanged in order to relieve the obligation of love or worse, under which being drawn as valentines had placed the donors. The aristocracy exchanged valu-

to quiz, and this confined very

This was the valentine custom that Pepys described on February 14, 1667: "This morning came up to my wife's bedside (I being up dressing myself) little Will Mercer to be her valentine, and brought her name written upon blue paper in gold letters, done by himself, very pretty; and we were both well pleased with it. But I am also this year my wife's valentine, and it will cost me £5; but that I must have laid out anyway even if we had not been valentines." More than three centuries ago. English husbands were grumbling about the non-

But it goes back farther than that. In Midsummer-Night's Dream, Theseus says:

St Valentine is past: Begin these wood-birds but to couple now?

Donne began his epithalamium on the wedding of Princess Elizabeth to Frederick of the Rhine-"Hail, Bishop Valentine". The Paston Letters of the 15th century record the valentine boyfriend

Literary references go back to Chaucer. In his Parlement of Foules, of about 1381, he sugested that St Valentine's Day was the day when every hird cometh to choose his mate. Cautious scholars assent that the medieval belief that February 14 is the day on which birds start to mate is the origin of the custom. (They haven't a due.)

But the bold can take it farther back than that. A Roman priest

and doctor called Valentine is said to have been be-headed in the reign of Claudius the Goth, on February 14, 269, on the Fiaminian Way. On the same day in the Roman martyr-

ology another valentine is celebrated the Bishop Interamna (Terni) about 60 miles from Rome. He was scourged,

inappropriately named prefect. Placidus. The best bet is that these are two variants of stories about Scholars of these fragile shards of history, embroidered by seventeen centuries of hagiography, suggest that the Roman priest had become bishop of Interamna, was

then beheaded by the order of the

entenced there, and then brought back to Rome for execution. In these dodgy matters you have to work by guess and by God.
Go back long before Valentine, and you will find a suggestive route. This is also the day of a very ancient. Roman festival called Lucerolise a festility beand. Lupercalia, a fertility beano. Everybody gathered round the Call the cave on the Palai Hill where Romulus and Remus

were supposed to have been suck-

led by a wolf. Goats were sacrificed

and people were smeared with the blood. Women offered themselves to be beaten, because the blows were supposed to be a sovereign remedy for barrenness. You can read all about it in Julius Caesar, Shakespeare's Mark Antony was out jogging and flogging the women on Lupercal/Valentine's Day, when he tried to present J. Caesar with a

kingly crown: "Which he did thrice refuse was this ambition?" But for heaven's sake don't report this old story to the Americans. Otherwise simulated bleed-ing goatskins made out of plastic will become next year's trendy valentine. Come to think of it, they would be no more naff than the rest of the extraordinary festivities.

Peter Riddell on why neither party can deliver a knock-out blow to its opponent

Hubris or fatalism?

The senior Labour frontbencher was taken aback, and looked rather pensive, when I suggested that if his predictions were correct be might be sitting at the cabinet table in eight weeks. His efforts have been so focused on winning that he has not yet come to terms with what it would be like to win. Just as virtually all ministers are

convinced they will somehow hold on to office, many Labour MPs still cannot quite believe that they will win; a contest, perhaps, of hubris versus fatalism. The conventional wisdom of the political world is that when voters finally have to choose between John Major and Neil Kinnock and their programmes, the Tories will win, possibly very narrowly, but win nonetheless—a belief shaken, but not destroyed, by awful days for the government, such as yesterday with the grim unemployment figures and record mortgage repos-sessions. Such predictions rely on large amounts of ingrained faith, or in Labour's case doubt, rather

In reality, neither party has a decisive edge. The Tories and Labour are locked together like tired sumo wrestlers. They have been within two or three points of each other in the poils for most of the time since last spring and are now level pegging. The parties' much trumpeted offensives — by Labour on the health service in October and by the Tories on taxes last month — have produced at most short-lived surges in support.
It is misleading to read too

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much into these figures, to claim portentously that the electorate as a whole is somehow undecided. Most voters have made up their minds. The Tories are still within three percentage points of their share of the vote in both 1983 and 1987 and Labour has improved its share by nine percentage points since its 1987 defeat. The closeness of the poll ratings suggests that neither party has attracted enough of the small group of additional voters needed to win an overall majority. After the poll tax and the recession, these voters are reluctant to give the Tories a fourth term, yet they do not believe in Labour's ability to manage the economy and improve its performance without re-igniting inflation and raising taxes. Neither side has overcome the doubts and

fears of these voters. Overseas, parties in opposition are also finding it hard to persuade voters that they can perform better than those in office. The Democrats remain in ideological disarray in America, as do the Social Democrats in Germany. For all the difficulties created by the hangover from the expansion ist 1980s, many opposition parties have not offered credible alterna-tive programmes. Voters do not want to reject all of the shift towards a free market economy and deregulation. This contrasts

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with the late 1970s when economic failure led to a conservative/free-

In Britain, the poll ratings have been so consistent for such a lengthy period, in spite of all the feverish campaigning, that there is no obvious reason why there should now be a sudden change. The parties, their leaders and policies are as familiar as they are ever likely to be. So we could be facing an

umusual campaign. Most elections start with a clear frontrunner, even if the other party sometimes catches up at the end, as happened in 1970 and February 1974. But this time the campaign may begin with no party as the overwhelming favourite. That prospect is sending the campaign strategists into a frantic search for any manocuvre to gain a small advantage over their opponent by polling day.

As I have argued previously, Labour's best hope of breaking through is to concentrate on attacking the government's record rather than winning converts through its promises. So far, most voters blame the Thatcher admin-

the recession, rather than John Major. But the latest batch of gloomy news makes repeated min-isterial forecasts of a turning point look foolish as well as wrong. The theme of "do the Tories deserve to be re-cleated?" may evoke a re-sponse, and the Labour campaign has begun to gather some momenturn in the past ten days.

In many ways it is extraordinary that Tory support is holding up as it is. One reason is that, whatever the impact of the recession, the carnings of those in work are still rising by 3 to 4 per cent more than prices. Some voters no doubt believe that, while the Tories may have landed us in this mess, they are still the best, or any rate least worst, lot to assist recovery. That could, however, be treacherous ground; anger over the recession. high interest rates, the poll tax, and public services could prevent the Tories from winning a fourth

The Tories' strongest card re-mains tax and the ambiguities over Labour's tax and spending plans. There is no doubt that the budget on March 10 will help define the Tories as the tax-cutting party. This is a double-edged weapon for the Tories since Lab-our can say it would use the money for public services, over and above what is available from its existing tax proposals. The budget looks

the obvious springboard to launch the campaign for an April 9 election, even though May 7 has still not been ruled out by Mr Major and his advisers. Advocates of the later date argue that the favourable impact of a budget often takes time to work through: poll tax bills received in late March may have been parily forgotten in early May, and the odd green shoot of recovery might have appeared by then. Nevertheless, the government is becoming increasingly boxed in to an April election by expectations at West-minster. These will be hard to change and the advantages of waiting could be offset by charges of dithering.
Even if the Tories start a spring

campaign level pegging with Labour, or slightly behind because of the gloomy economic news, the electoral system favours them. Labour tends to win large num-bers of votes in seats that it will always win and that it will never win, while the Tory vote is better spread. The Liberal Democrats tend to perform better at elections. mainly at Labour's expense, than suggested by the polls. If the two parties win roughly the same share of the vote, the Tories' advantage in terms of seats, between 20 and 45 over Labour, might just be enough for an overall majority. But the numbers are very tight; the Tories will not forget Rab Rutler's famous comment during the 1964 election, echoed by Roy Jenkins in his comments on the 1970 contest, that "this one might be slipping away from us."

Hunting in the blood

have done a good many things in my life but none has excitement of fox-hunting. nor the courage that this required. I mention the last because I believe it natural to young people to take risks and, where for-hunting may be dangerous to the fox, joy-riding in motor cars is dangerous to us all. If the natural sports of the countryside were to be stopped the machine would be all we had left.

I find it difficult to understand the case against fox-hunting. The fox is a predator of a wantonly vicious kind. He kills not merely to eat but for the sake of killing and leaves havoc in a hen pen or among lambs, even piglets. There is no doubt that culling is necessary. sary, nor that, if the farmers' interests were not being served by hunding, the sport could not con-tinue. I think in my day there were certain abuses but today there is a set of rules for masters of hounds which ensure that foxes are humanely (that is quickly) des-patched or escape unharmed.

method of control is regulated in this way and that none can guarantee that foxes will escape unharmed, a statement home out in 1949 in a speech by Tom Williams, the minister of agriculture, who in 1928 in the House of Commons proposed a motion against blood sports. He told the house that, after a very patient and mericulous examination of the facts, he had changed his mind, since he was sure that to abolish since ne was sure that to aboust hunting without providing an effective alternative would lead to more cruelty rather than less. He cited cases of animals leaving a leg behind in a trap and explained that snaring meant slowly choking an animal to death.

So what is the case against for-

So what is the case against forhunting? The rabble that appears at meets of the foxhounds presents only the sight of man hunting Frances Donaldson joins today's bloodsports debate



Still a vital part of rural life: the Wild Mammals Bill could lead to more cruelty not less

man, and from perusing the press
I gather many of the arguments and the brave — ever have the against fox-hunting have not progressed since I first argued against them in a book written 30 preoccupied attending to their proccupied attending to th years ago - Child of the Twenties. years ago — Child of the Twenties. Apparently, there are people who still believe that a "degree of cruelty may be one of the attractions of for-hunting" — that is that people go out to see the fox killed as Spaniards go to see the buil. This shows complete ignorance of what the whole thing is about. In the first place, more often than not

blown and sweating horses and by the pleasure of being there at the end. Most of the field are still busy jumping the gaps in hedges made by the leaders, or even using their knowledge of the countryside to trot round the roads to the end of the run, which they reach often as soon as the rest. All these people, like those in front of them, are

the first place a drag is not a day's outing in the countryside in which events occur naturally, but a fast run over a settled course. In the second, this course has been laid by a man, and while he may add a large element of risk by laying it over high fences, he will not, as a fox will, do this over one which. innocent on one side, has a brook or a dangerous drop on the other, or into a field in which there is no

It is the element of the chase, the reality of risk, which is part of the charm of lox-hunting for everybody except the old eleversticks trotting round the road. If their time has passed, one should by no means underestimate their contribution to country life.

One cannot speculate on the degree of fear felt by the fox. A predator by nature, his instinct is to run when threatened and when hears the hounds he is aware he is being chased. Yet he often gets away, and, when seen choosing his direction out of a wood, looks resourceful and collected rather

nimals do not ponder questions of life and death and their greatest fear is of being held. Thus, if appearances are anything to go by, a sheep having its feet cut. or being cleaned of maggots, suffers an extreme of hysterical itar, apparently unknown to a lox being chased. It is exactly this which accounts for the fact that, if there is no sadism on the part of the fox hunter, there is an element which might be described as callousness in all country folk. Farm men will sit up all night

with a sick lamb or a cow having difficulty calving, and when I was a farmer the place was riddled with cats because I could never find anyone to put the latest litter down. Yet bullocks on a farm, which are during the whole of their lives the pride and joy of the farmer and his stockman, are, like sheep, only there to fatten and be killed. If this unsentimental acceptance of the natural processes of life were to be lost, we should all be vegetarians or starve.

Lady Donaldson is the biographer of Edward VIII.



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night or so ago, I was slumped in front of a siteom containing no sit and even less com (to pedants protesting there can be no such thing as negative comedy. I will say only that they were not there), when something sud-denly joited me from my torpor and hurriedly mustered a number of brain cells which, up until then, had understandably believed themselves to be having

an evening off.

It was a single girlish peal;
which, while it may well be the
sort of item you would regularly run across in a Barbara Cartland paragraph, you would not normally hear issuing from the audience of a television comedy. And hardly had it died than it was followed by a solo baritone guffaw, which you would not normally expect to hear, either. For this audience was, like so many, a canned one. opened long after the pro-gramme had been finished and spooned out to interlard the script with responses the director felt were required if viewers were not to think they had stumbled across some little miasma tossed off by Strindberg in

one of his glummer moments. Now, canned laughter is usually nothing more than prerecorded gales of ensemble cackling, which suddenly burst on the ear from nowhere and then as suddenly stop, much as if one were passing a madhouse as someone briefly opened a door and shut it again. The laughter is not differentiated into hoot, titter, and chortle, it bursts of hysterical giggles market for that

is a wodge of noise chopped from the soundtrack of some

from the soundtrack of some genuinely responsive audience and grafted on where needed. It is a laughter transplant.

This laughter, however, was fascinatingly different. Though it had been added afterwards it had also been individuated to suit each joke, misunderstanding, walk-into-door, and so on. It occurred to me that for the first occurred to me that for the first time in my experience, I was being instructed not merely when to laugh, but how to. This is merely an aside, the soundtrack was saying, requiring only a chuckle, so do not waste a howl on it because there is a really big boffola treble-take coming along any minute now, when we shall be asking you to pull all the stops out.

One of the best things about really bad television is how much wool you can gather while staring at it. I thus began to speculate on the manufacture of this new laughter: since it had clearly been assembled from countless different bits, were there laughter-banks, perhaps, where donors — selected for their inordinately high laughter-count — were handed a joke and shown to a cubicle in which they did their private thing? Did they shuffle out again, somewhat sheepishly, and hand their cassette in at the desk, so that it could be matched to a register of directors with sterile scripts?
Were they paid for this? Was it controlled, to safeguard the world against one day filling up with unwanted by blows, i.e.

turning up uninvited in the middle of, say, A Time to Dance! I could not answer this, not simply on its own account but also because it had started unpteen hares, now thumping their hind-legs on the carpet with more than mere seasonal madness; for why should responses not turn up in other programmes, if they were the appropriate responses? Indeed, as a toiler in the vineyard myself. I now grew irritated that only comedy was deemed to be in need of such support, as if nobody would ever find anything funny unless told it was.

What, logically, was there to be said against taking a senti-mental mini-series involving, as they so often seem to, terminal diseases or blokes running off with the woman upstairs, and adding to its crucial moments the sound of sobbing, or Klee-nex being blown? Would horror stories, fictional and docu-mentary alike, not benefit from the occusional shrick and retrict Are there not more and more occasions, these days, when a little off-screen heavy breathing would not be entirely inappropriate? Would party political broadcasts not be incalculably enlivened by the odd pre-

emptive raspberry?
I think the canning industry could well do themselves a favour here. And since you ask, I seek none of my own; whatever the going rate for donors, it will never be mine. Faced with most television, what I do best is snore, and I can't see much of a

Diplomatic impasse

WHILE United Nations peacekeeping troops may be on their way to Croatia there is still no prospect of any British diplomats joining them — and the Croats are making no secret of the fact that they feel let down.

Drago Berisic, the director of

the Croatian Centre in London, says: "When the declaration of recognition came through, we assumed that British diplomats would be on the next plane to Zagreb. We are disappointed by the delay but it is explained by Britain's original reluctance to grant recognition at all. The government has a good relationship with the Serbian lobby, which is very strong, while our community is very small."

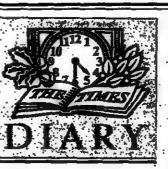
Nearly five weeks after recognition. Germany is the only European Community country to have sent an ambassador to Zagreb. The Foreign Office says that a decision has still not been taken

on British representation.

Such a decision could prove costly, say the Croats, for a strong diplomatic presence in Zagreb could even save lives, they believe. The presence of British diplomats would have had a restraining effect on the Serbs and boosted our morale," says Berisic. "If Mrs Thatcher had still been prime minister we think an ambassador would have arrived already."

Mrs Thatcher is keen to accept a long-standing invitation from the Croats to visit Zagreb but will not go without Foreign Office ap-proval. Yesterday the Foreign Office confirmed its advice that nobody should travel to Croatia, so the former prime minister's plans remain on ice.

While Zagreb lacks a British ambassador, it does have a con-



sulate, there since 1918, manned by a junior official. Slovenia, the other newly-recognised state, does not even have a consulate. The only British ambassador in the region is Sir Peter Hall, our man in Belgrade - the last place a Croat would dream of going for help or protection.

Urban space man.

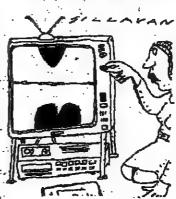
ARCHITECTS still recovering from Prince Charles's onslaught in A Vision of Britain will not be looking forward to the prospect of a sequel. Next month the prince is to publish Urban Villages, in which he will argue, somewhat surprisingly, that under certain circumstances there is nothing wrong with building on green belt land. John Thompson, an architect who is a member of the prince's Urban Villages Group, offered a clue to the prince's line of argument. "Urban villages are the only places that are alive, unlike the soullest developments we usu-. ally have to contend with".

But rumours circulating the litcrary world yesterday that Princess Diana is about to follow her husband into print are premature, to say the least. Giles Gordon, the ten years."

Having an affair may have increased Paddy Ashdown's poll ratings, but where does it leave Labour, asks this week's Tribune in a survey of the sex-appeal of Labour MPs. Neil Kinnock fares particularly badly. "The sort of guy who, if he did not have a cigarette afterwards, might do pressups." says Laurie Taylor, the professor of sociology at York University. The Labour woman with the mostest, according to the Tribune poll, is Joan Ruddock. Tony Banks emerges as the MP most would like to meet on Blind Date. Peter Hain, the Labour MP voted likely to receive the most valentine cards, was yesterday un-convinced. "It sounds like this has more to do with April 1 than February 14.

Valentine turn-on

IF ABELARD had expressed his love for Heloise via a computer would their names still be remembered in legend? The days of



imaginative, personal declarations are dead, it seems; surely nothing could be less romantic prince's literary agent, said: "I've nothing could be less romantic asked her if she will write a book, than the electronic valentine. Last She said finally it would be about wear one man proposed via the ten years."

television. Three days later the lady accepted, encouraging the cable television company this year to offer a fully animated valentine message service using clips from home videos; it certainly gives a whole new meaning to being turned on. But if Romeo had wooed Julier via television would Shakespeare have ever bothered writing about the "screen-cross'd

Women's wrongs A PLAN by a left-wing London council to honour one of Britain's

greatest feminist pioneers has backfired. Southwark council, south London, has unveiled a plaque to honour Mary Wollstonecraft at the spot where, it claims, 200 years ago she wrote her pioneering feminist work. Vindication of the Rights of Women. But historians, including Claire Tomalin, who wrote a 1974 biography of Wollstonecraft, insist the council has got it wrong. The great work, they say, was written north of the River Thames. "I thought about this very carefully when I wrote my book," says Tomalin, speaking from Canada, where she is lecturing about the early feminist. "I am afraid she wrote the book in Stone Street. Bloomsbury, not Southwark. But I am pleased that a plaque has gone up. Places like Bloomsbury and Hampstead have so many; it is only fair poor old Southwark should have one as well."

• The Home Office published its annual report yesterday, complete with glossy photographs of every minister — bar one Kenneth Baker, Angela Rumbold, John Patten and Earl Ferrers are there. The absentee? Peter Lloyd, in charge of the unglamorous portfolio of immigration. How very un11.75

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FROZEN IN HEADLIGHTS

Suppose the general election had been held last November. Suppose the Tories had won with an overall majority. How then would the government respond to yesterday's poor unemployment figures? In detail no one knows. But few Tories would be urging inaction. Towards the end of 1991, the economic indicators were evenly balanced. Some suggested that recovery was starting. Others seemed less encouraging. In those circumstances, the cabinet's decision to initiate no economic invigoration but hope for spontaneous recombustion was understandable, albeit a decision which this newspaper disliked.

Yesterday's unemployment figures, following a series of indicators and forecasts revised in a pessimistic direction, confirm that the government was wrong. The figures are not, as Tony Blair for Labour claimed 'devastating", since they are only a little worse than the depressing trend established over 22 successive months. But nor are they merely "disappointing", as the prime minister said in the House of Commons. A trend is a trend, the point about this one being that it shows little sign of bending. If anything, unemployment is getting worse. Even the Bank of England was forced to concede in its assessment of the economy on Tuesday that

the recovery is proving "elusive". A post-election Conservative government might have concluded that the economy was crippled by a lack of consumer confidence, and cut taxes. Or, despairing for now of the consumer, it might have opted for a direct boost through a crash programme of public works. Less likely, it might have concluded that cutting the excessive cost of borrowing would be the most prudent and least interventionist way of rekindling confidence among consumers and investors alike. After an election, a free-market government might have been more willing to cut interest rates and risked sterling's position in the exchange-rate mechanism of the EMS.

These economic arguments apply even though there was no autumn election - and even though there is one in the offing. Not for many years past has the balance of economic risk been so one-sided, in favour of an expansionist stance. Because of the impending election, expansionism that might with hindsight have seemed wise last year now seems too politically risky. The prime minister and his chancellor have pinned their colours to the recovery mast since the spring of 1991. They now seem tied up in the

rigging of their unrealised predictions.

Politicians are strangely compelled to pretend infallibility, none more so than ministers who, until recently, had tasted little of the bitterness of economic failure. The recession of 1981 was roundly blamed on the previous Labour government. So ministers goon talking up what resolutely refuses to be talked up. They excuse the actions of 1987-8 as if they were of a completely different administration and plead "world recession" as the cause of their plight. Paddy Ashdown caught the mood when he said they were like a "frightened rabbit caught in the headlights.

of a general election". The Tories' hope must be that yesterday's barrage of bad news might be the last such day before polling; a bit of massaging all round and next month might look a little better. But almost a million people have been put out of work since the recession began, many of them certainly Tories. They all have spouses, relatives and friends. They have long given the government the benefit of the doubt, especially since they share ministerial doubts about Labour's capacity to do better. But patience is wearing thin.

The government can still head off its critics and the key lies with the Budget and the manifesto. Ministers could well imitate the Americans, make a deaner breast of past failures and poor forecasts and indicate what plans are in hand to belp expand the economy. What is needed is a frankly expansionist Budget. If there were no election pending, that is what Norman Lamont would do. The prospect of a little teasing from his opponents should not deter him.

PEACE-KEEPING PERILS

After an anxious delay that jeopardised a fragile ceasefire, the United Nations secretary general has at last formally recommended the deployment of peace-keeping forces in Yugoslavia. Up to 11,500 men from more than a dozen countries will be sent as soon as possible to the disputed enclaves in Croatia, now occupied by the Yugoslav federal army.

This is an open-ended commitment, one of the largest peace-keeping operations ever mounted, costing nearly £250 million a year. The troops may prevent lighting spreading to Bosnia-Herzegovina, but they cannotdefuse the ethnic tensions or guarantee minority rights. The opposition of extreme Serbian and Croatian nationalists makes the

troops a likely target for terrorists. Cyrus Vance, the special UN envoy to Yugosiavia, was rejuctant to recommend deployment as long as the diehard leaders of the Serbian enclaves, especially Milan Babic in Krajina, opposed any UN presence. Belgrade has put strong pressure on the dissident dentist, whose resistance has at last been bypassed. But Mr Babic has exploitedthe delay to galvanise Serbian opposition to Krajina's return to Croatia. This in turn has stiffened the determination of President Tudiman to retake all the Croatian land lost to the Serbian onslaught.

Elsewhere in Yugoslavia there are signs of new realism. Slobodan Milosevic, the chastened Serbian leader, appears to have moderated his territorial ambitions after his virtual isolation by the world community. In Sarejevo yesterday Muslim, Serbian and Croatian leaders began talks under the aegis of Lord Carrington's European Community peace forum on resolving disputes, an essential prerequisite to Bosnia's referendum on independence at the end of the month.

The main danger to the peace process now comes from Croatia, where the far right is revealing itself more and more as a quasifascist force that cares little for world opinion or the guarantees given to the European Community on human rights. President

Tudiman has pocketed EC recognition, as Britain and several others feared, without enacting the promised legislation to protect Serbian rights. Indeed, his government, provocatively, is now seeking to use the UN presence in the captured territories as a cover to extend Croatian control of Serbian towns and villages. Not only does Zagreb want to replace Serbian police with Croats, the cause of the original flare-ups seven months ago. but it now wants to exercise a tighter Croatian grip in defiance of Mr Vance's recommendation that civil administration should reflect the ethnic balance.

Mr Tudjman, having lost a third of his territory with little to show his supporters, is under strong pressure from nationalists more extreme even than him. The "Danke Deutschland" euphoria in Croatia that followed recognition has led to an unpleasant glorification of the wartime fascist alliance. To its credit, Germany will have none of this. Having used up so much credit with its partners by insisting on early recognition, Bonn now feels a special duty to hold Croatia to the EC conditions, and is pressing Mr Tudiman hard over his apparent backsliding.

Europe has some leverage still. Croatia is seeking to join the UN, a move that must be resisted until Zagreb changes its legislation on minority rights, as the EC special human rights investigators proposed. The Carrington mission must continue in tandem with the UN deployment, for it offers the only hope of a political solution based on the reluctant promises made by both sides. Already the Croats are qualifying support for the UN peace-keeping operation by insisting it is temporary.

The United Nations cannot be drawn into the political fight for control in Serbian-populated Croatia. The soldiers are needed to prevent Serbs and Croats shooting at each other. The rest of Europe must now use brutal political and economic pressure to enforce a modus vivendi that will enable the troops to be withdrawn sooner rather than later.

A DEADLY PLOT

"Any attempt at recovering the bodies was absolutely hopeless, and there, deep down in that dreadful cauldron of swirling water and seething foam, will lie for all time the most dangerous criminal and the foremost champion of the law of their generation." Thus Arthur Conan Doyle bade farewell to his detective hero Sherlock Holmes at the Reichenbach Falls in The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes.

Women counts

Almost a century later Inspector Morse, the introspective, opera-loving Oxford policeman, has been threatened with a similar fate. In the final episode of the television series the producers wanted Morse, a Wagner fan, to be bumped off in Bayreuth, no doubt accompanied by the Immolation of Brunnhilde from Morse's beloved Götterdämmerung. However, the creator of the character, Colin Dexter, was forced to step in and save the old boy, largely because lucrative publishing contracts mean that he is worth more alive than dead. "I would not be doing myself any favours by having him killed," said the author, explaining his mercy to his bank manager. "Anyway I like him."

Conan Doyle faced a similar dilemma. Unlike Mr Dexter, he grew to despise Holmes and regarded him as an irritating distraction from his real work: uplifting and today largely unread historical dramas and psychic research. Then as now there was a huge public thirst for more cases to be solved by the master detective. Eventually a need for cash forced the writer to give way and ressurrect poor Holmes from the deep. There

are those who insist he was never quite the same again. There are indeed those who insist he was an impostor.

Just as it wants happy endings, the public demands that certain heroes should be immortal. In this the public is right. Some heroes, such as James Bond, have lived on after the death of their creator, in 007's case he stars in a novel written by a pseudonymous Sir Kingsley Amis. Even Shakespeare was forced to bring back Falstaff, Lazaruslike, for a final bow in Merry Wives of Windsor. Queen Elizabeth, no less, is said to have insisted that the old rogue featured in the play, despite the Bard having done him to death in Henry V.

In popular drama and fiction, the bestseller lists and the television and film ratings are the arbiters of life expectancy. The murder of Bobby Ewing in Dallas quickly became a "bad dream" when the scriptwriters realised they needed him as a vital counterfoil to the evil JR, himself also brought back from apparent mortality by the plaintive cry of the cash register. Even Tinkerbell makes a comeback when children affirm that they believe in fairies at the end of

Peter Pan. This is a thoroughly happy meeting of culture and free-market economy. Eleven million people tune in every week to watch Morse tackle another baffling case. They like his dry wit, his good taste and his noble spirit; they want him to carry on. A great detective cheats even death. Virtue surely demands this ultimate triumph.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Some support for Jacques Delors?

From Mr Nicholas Colchester

chequers.

trade.

Sir. The "simple" case your leading

article makes against the EC's exor-

bitant budget is simply wrong. Proper, Gatt-friendly reform of Eu-

rope's farm policy may well require an increase in what it costs ex-

The chief evil of the common

agricultural policy is what it costs consumers in high, rigged prices —

roughly £47 billion a year - rather

than the £27 billion it costs in

The £47 billion is a devious.

entrenched cost to society which

showers indiscriminate benefit on farmers. The £27 billion is a more open form of aid, more easily aimed

at the needy farmer, potentially less

trade distorting and subject to public scrutiny. It is the rigging and defending of unreal prices that makes the CAP so harmful to world

By all means curb the ambitions of

the Brussels Commission, but do not

curb its tender ambition to bring

European farm prices down to earth,

even if the help to thus-wounded small farmers costs the Treasury

NICO COLCHESTER

(Deputy Editor),

government subsidies.

From Sir Anthony Meyer, MP for Clwyd North West (Conservative)

Sir, The government is to be applauded for its determination to retain the concession which limits the United Kingdom's share of the European Community budget, and especially for its pledge to do so "firmly and courteously", to use Mr Chris Patten's felicitous phrasing (report, February 13). But is it really wise for both major parties, and for you, Sir (leading article, February 13), to oppose any increase in the European Community's total budget?

There must be huge cuts in the agriculture budget, but they can be achieved only by generous compen-sation to farmers to go permanently out of production. That involves an actual increase in payments in the short term to get a lasting reduction in the long term. And if the Commu-nity is to bring in the newly free countries of Eastern Europe, as the British government is the first to insist, then the regional aid budget will have to be much more than doubled in order to speed the modernisation of their economies.

It is asking a lot of our politicians to admit, on the eve of a general election, that Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, is right, but they should leave themselves some room to admit it after the election.

ANTHONY MEYER, House of Commons.

EC and environment

From the Chief Executive of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Sir, Your leader ("Off the target". February 5) on the European Commission's proposals for a programme and policy-level directive on environmental assessments is only half right.
The Commission's proposals seek

to put into practice the "precau-tionary principle", to examine the potential impact on the environment of major investment programmes at the earliest opportunity. This would allow fundamental questions to be asked at the stage when they would be most effective. Controversial developments which required detailed assessments would have a swifter passage if potentially damaging elements were examined from

the outset. The all too frequently vital question of how we use and develop the countryside is not asked from an environmental perspective. This is a major shortcoming at Community as well as national level. The Commis-sion's proposals would raise environmental matters to the same level as social and economic issues at the policy planning stage.

European flag From Mr Cosmo Russell

Sir, The European flag (letter, February 3) came to life in the early Fifties as the flag of the Council of Europe after much discussion in which, as an official, I was privileged to take part. The agreed heraldic description reads: "On a field azur a circle of twelve mullets or their points

not touching". The number twelve was considered a perfect and unchangeable figure reflecting examples in nature and human endeavour, e.g., the twelve apostles, twelve signs of the Zodiac, etc. There has never been any question of changing this to match membership of the Council of Europe, for long in excess of twelve.

It is only a chance that Community membership is twelve today. Many years after the first adoption it was accepted unanimously by the Community, starting with the parliament. It flies outside the Brussels home of the Community alongside the national flags of Community members and of course in Strasbourg. It was the European flag beforehand and is simple, colourful and recognisable. Change would have to be agreed by both institutions the parent Council of Europe and its child, the European Community. This is highly unlikely.

Yours etc., COSMO RUSSELL, Parapet House, Lenham, Kent. February 6.

Hard comparisons

From the Chairman of Pentos Sir, The death of the hardback novel is much exaggerated by Clive Davis "Burial rites of the hardback", Life & Times, February 6). True, sales of hardback fiction are pathetically low: the real question for the book trade is how it breaks out of the victous circle of ever higher prices and ever smaller volumes. My conviction is that the agreement between W. H. Smith and several publishers to publish

first-time novels in paperback is not the way forward. First, the switch to paperback as the vehicle of first publication will devalue the product. Instead of thinking. "Here is something good. at a lower price", the bookbuyer will think, "Here is something second best which is still pretty expensive by the standards of normal paper-

Secondly, the initiative will do little

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The Economist, 25 St James's Street, SW1. February 13. It is right to point out the failings of the Commission, which is sponsoring the destruction of natural sites of outstanding importance in Europe while at the same time passing directives requiring their protection. Nevertheless the integration of environmental assessment within the macro-planning process would ad-vance wise decision-making and the

Rather than backtracking, the Commission should take the lead and apply environmental assess-ments to its own policies and programmes as a first and necessary step in ensuring its burgeoning regional funds cover the interests of conservation as well as development.

protection of the environment. As

such it should not be dismissed out of

The directive should then encourage national governments to integrate environmental concerns into their own policy-making, a move which the UK government has now started to make.

Yours faithfully, BARBARA S. YOUNG, Chief Executive. Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire.

February 6.

Higher education

From Professor Emeritus David Bell Sir, There has been a campaign for wider access to higher education and there has been a suggestion that 30 per cent of school pupils should proceed to it, but what does this mean? We used to reckon that an IQ of 120 was appropriate for a univer-sity honours degree but taking 30 per cent of the population would mean going down to an IQ of 108.

It will take II years before the present seven-year-olds, who alone have had the national curriculum from the start, face entrance to higher education at 18. The immediate need is not to put more students into higher education (universities and polytechnics) but to expand further education where the topics and teaching methods can be more appropriate.

What we must not do is to convert higher education into further edu-cation or ask the Institutions of higher education to provide both without additional resources. I know how difficult that is, because I have tried to do it in the past.

Alternatively if we are looking for a broadening intermediary between school and life (compare the grand tour of Europe for the wealthy of a century ago), the Liberal Arts College might provide a useful model.

Yours faithfully, D. A. BELL. 87 East End, Walkington, Beverley, Humberside. February 4.

to widen the market for books. The key to this is secondary purchasing by bookbuyers who are attracted into bookshops by lower-price promo-tions. The W. H. Smith average high street shop simply does not have the range within its book department to

Thirdly, authors and literary agents will see their royalties per unit sale considerably reduced. It is an open question whether in total the elasticity of demand for cheaper, paperback titles will more than make up for that loss.

achieve this.

The Dillons' approach of selective discounts on hardback fiction which are heavily promoted, set in the context of a chain of bookshops of unparalleled range and quality, is likely to bring much more positive results. But that requires publishers to follow Reed's example and withdraw from the ludicrous restrictions of the net book agreement.

Yours faithfully. T. A. MAHEŘ Chairman. Pentos pic, 9 Clifford, Street, W1. February 7.

Limiting warheads total in Trident

From Dr Stephen Pullinger

Sir, Lord Orr-Ewing is absolutely correct (letter, February 6) in warming against adopting a fixed level of warheads for Trident. That figure must always be dependent on maintaining the ability to inflict unacceptable damage on a potential adversary. This surity will be contingent on the anti-ballistic missile defences confronting Trident

Whilst the government has set an upper limit of 128 warheads per boat it has readily acknowledged that in certain circumstances the number could be "substantially fewer than 128 warheads", as Douglas Hogg, a Foreign Office minister, told the House of Commons (report, later editions, February 4). The defence secretary has even alluded to the possibility of Trident carrying fewer warheads than Polaris, i.e., 48 per boat, as long as the necessary

credibility was preserved.

If HMG were to decide that it could maintain Trident as a credible minimum deterrent with no more warheads than Polaris it would negate charges that its policy was escalatory. However, such an initial deployment should not be set in stone: Trident provides the flexibility to go lower if ABM defences remain strictly controlled or higher if the ABM treaty breaks down and ABM defences proliferate.

HMG should attach these caveats

to any definition of what constitutes a

credible minimum deterrent. Yours faithfully, STEPHEN PULLINGER (Executive Director), International Security Information

St James's Rectory, 197 Piccadilly, W1. February 7.

From Air Commodore A. Mackie

Sir, Lord Orr-Ewing's cautionary tale about Trident tells us to avoid repeating our past mistake of keep-ing our deterrent too small by the

right decision" to make it bigger. The financial trap he counsels us thereby to avoid is not the one that should preoccupy us. The real worry is that Lord Orr-Ewing's counter-parts in the service of Saddam, Gadafii and Lord knows who else must doubtless be offering similar advice — in essence that keeping or developing the capacity to blow up the world will somehow make it saier.

Most disputes are still settled by

is needed it is because the negotia-

tions are tough and difficult. The

mediator represents neither side's

interest and representation is often

needed, especially when parties are

unevenly matched. The mediator

If, however, there is a strong cost-

benefit case for more government

investment in providing ADR ser-

vices (quite apart from the social case) then legally-aided parties should be supported, not penalised.

for using them. No one should be

forced into second-class justice; but if

an enhanced rate of truly amicable

settlements can be achieved, the

pressures in that direction will be

described by those opposed to it. It is

mentally friendly way of controlling

and dispersing fox populations in

rural areas. It is also an integral part

must also be paid for.

Yours faithfully, A. MACKIE (Vice-President). Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, 162 Holloway Road, N7. February 7.

Out of court

negotiation, and any good solicitor should make or seize opportunities whenever possible. When a mediator From Mr Anthony D. Woolf Sir, It was heartening to read Philip Naughton's article ("Better out of court", Law Times, February 4) on the progress of alternative dispute resolution (ADR), not least for his emphasis on mediation.

By contrast, the Adam Smith Institute's publication to which he refers, Judgement Day by Adam Thierer, promotes the idea of courtordered arbitrations and various short-cut routes to the imposition of binding decisions, all as comprised within ADR. That has been rightly attacked as second-class justice and could give ADR a bad name.

The beauty of mediation or conciliation, as recognised in rules of court in our Family Division, is that it is a completely voluntary, confidential and privileged process. It deprives no one of their legal rights, which is what makes it "safe" for warring adversaries to take part and makes a greatly reduced. Yours faithfully, ANTHONY D. Freedman & Co 24-27 Thayer St. high success rate possible.

Wild mammals Bill From Professor Roger Scruton

and others Sir, On Friday, February 14, the House of Commons will debate a Private Member's Bill ostensibly designed to protect "wild mam-mals".

Why mammals are more vulnerable to pain, fear or death than are wild birds, fish or reptiles the Bill does not explain. And while outlaw-ing the use of dogs in hunting, the Bill says nothing against cats, ferrets or falcons. In short, the Bill does not seem to us to be designed to protect wildlife, but to anack a particular section of the community — huntsmen and their followers — who have done more to protect habitats and preserve the balance of nature than any number of urban animal-lovers.

Hunting with hounds, when con-ducted according to its own rules, is far from being the cruel sport

of rural life. To make this innocent pursuit into

greatly reduced.

ANTHONY D. WOOLF.

Freedman & Co (solicitors).

24-27 Thayer Street, W1. February 5.

a crime would be an abuse of parliamentary power. We hope that MPs will see this question in perspective and recognise that sentimental and misguided passion is not an adequate basis for curtailing the historic liberties of our country.

Yours sincerely ROGER SCRUTON, MICHAEL CHARLTON, IAN CURTEIS, JOHN LETTS, PIERS PAUL READ, NORMAN STONE, TONY TROLLOPE. 5 Trenchard Road, Stanton Fitzwarren, Wiltshire. February 11.

Whites of their eyes From Squadron Leader D. R.

Childs, RAF

Sir, Your report (February 11) suggested that there is less demand for white eggs than brown and says that they sell for no more than 20 pence a dozen. I find it impossible to find white eggs for sale at any price in the Doncaster area: there can be no demand for what is not available. I suspect that there are very many who would be happy to buy even white eggs at 20p.

The dearth is particularly sad at this season: it is very difficult to decorate brown eggs at Eastertime as was once the widespread custom.

Yours etc., DAVID CHILDS, Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, Sleaford, Lincolnshire. February 11.

From Mr Keith Gowen

Sir, I have recently purchased a hardback book and a paperback. The appearance of the hardback is undistinguished, with an unimaginative dust-jacket design, and how long will it be before the pages turn yellow? There are new books on the shelves of retailers with the pages turning yellow even before they have been sold.

The paperback, on the other hand, is a pleasure to handle. It has a well designed cover, the margins are generous, the paper is of good quality, the illustrations interesting, and the pages part down the spine without the necessity of employing a vice to keep the centre of the book apart.

If publishers can produce reasonably priced paperbacks of this quality then aspiring new authors and the reading public need have no qualms. Yours faithfully,

KEITH GOWEN, Westgate Cottage, 23 Westgate, Cowbridge, South Glamorgan. February 7.

Order of the bath

From Mr Chris Heald

Sir. From your report (February 12), Britain comes clean over bathroom antics", it would appear I am unique. I spend my time in the bath washing myself. This category does not seem to appear in the survey analysis. Yours etc.,

CHRIS HEALD, 10 Hitherwood Drive, SE19. February 13.

From Mr Roger J. Southam

Sir, It would appear from the survey that in their baths the Welsh do not drink alcohol or coffee, eat, apply beauty treatments, wash their dogs, have sex or think, and only a very small minority appear to read, wash their hair, listen to music, dream, talk on the telephone or clip their toenails.

What else could they be doing?

Yours confused, R. J. SOUTHAM. Hope House, Great Peter Street, SW1. February 12.

From Mrs J. M. Pattman

Sir, Nine inches of bathwater (your third leader today)? Far too luxurious for wartime Britain.

Our bath had a line painted a mere five inches above the plughole. On complaining about a skimpy and none too hot bath, I remember being told that since King George himself bathed in five inches of water that should be quite sufficient for his

subjects too. Ever since those chilly early experiences my idea of sinful and extravagant bliss has been a piping hor tub, filled to the overflow, and time to enjoy it.

Yours faithfully, JUDITH PATTMAN, 25 Fentiman Road, SW8. February 12.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 13: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Pal-

ace this morning.
Mr Duncan Slater was received in audience by Her Majesty upon his appointment as High Commissioner to Malaysia.

Mrs Slater was also received by

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon opened the Retrospective Exhibition of the Royal Fine Art Commission at St James's Square, London SW1. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by Lord St John of Fawsley (Chairman) and Mr Sherban Cantacuzino

(Secretary). The Duchess of Grafton, Sir Kenneth Scott, Lieutenant Colo-nel Blair Stewart Wilson and Lieutenant Colonel David Bu-

chanan were in attendance. By command of The Queen, the Viscount Long. Lord in Waiting. was present at Heathrow Airport. London, this morning upon the departure of The Amir of the State of Quar, and bade farewell to His Highness on behalf of Her

Majesty.

By command of The Queen, the Viscount Long, Lord in Waiting, called upon the President of the Republic of Zambia at the Churchill Hotel, Portman Square, London WI, and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty on his arrival in this

The Duke of Edinburgh, Pa-tron and Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this morning arended a reception at the Office of Municipal Mutual Insurance, Old Queen Street. ondon SWI. Lieutenant Commander Mal-

colm Sillars, RN, was in His Royal Highness, Patron, Sall Training Association, this evening amended a dinner to mark the Silver Jubilee of the Schooner Sir Winston Churchill at Trinity House, London EC3.

Today's royal

engagements The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit EB Signal (UK). Plymouth, at 10.55: Toshiba Consumer Products at 12.25: and Sola Wetsuits and

Lord Rodgers

The life barony conferred upon William Thomas Rodgers has been unzerted by the name, style and title of Baron Rodgers of Quarry Bank, of Kentish Town in the London borough of Camden.

Clifton College

The following awards have been Music Scholarships: Angela Birmingham: Glies Derrett, Lichid Cathedral School. Music Exhibition: Angela Had-field, Clifton College Preparatory

Brigadier Miles Hum-Davis was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 13: The Prince Edward today attended a lunch in support of the British Paralympic Association at 84 Eccleston Square,

ەمەndon SW1. Lieutenant . Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance. His Royal Highness this evening attended the Fortieth Anniversary Maple Leaf Ball organised by the Canadian Women's Club at Grosvenor House Hotel, London W1.

Mrs Richard Warburton was in

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 13: The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment), visited the First Battaltion at Fort George, Ardersier, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Inverness (Lieutenant Com-mander Lachlan Mackintosh of Mackintosh, RN) and Brigadier C.D.M. Rirchie (Colonel of the

Mrs Charles Rischie was in

KENSINGTON PALACE February 13: The Duke of Gloucester this afternoon was present at a luncheon given by the Confederation of British South East Asian Societies at the Inter-Continental Hotel, Hyde Park Corner, London W1.
Major Nicholas Barne was in

YORK HOUSE 5) JAMES'S PALACE February 13: The Duke of Kent, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, today attended a Rulers' Lunch at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London WC2. Commander Roger Walker was

The Prince of Liechtenstein cele-brates his birthday today.

Mr Allan Thompson

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Allan Thompson, BDS, MRCS, LRCP, FDS, late Consultant Dental Surgeon Emerius to Guy's Dental Hospital, of Shardeloes House, Amersham, and 40 Harley Street, London, will be held in the Guy's Hospital Chapel, St Thomas Street, London, SE!, on Friday, March 6, 1992, at noon.

Lady Caroline Waterhouse

A reemorial service for Lady Caroline Wererhouse will be into at St Paul's, Knightsbridge, on

Westminster School

The Governing Body of West-minster School is pleased to announce the election to Honorary Fellowship of Sir Paul Wright, KCMG, an Old Westminster.



The athlete Roger Black shows off the MBE he received at a Buckingham Palace investiture yesterday. Black took a break from his training for the Olympics to be among the 134 people who were presented with honours

The Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. Councillor Mrs Frank Taylor.

and the Mayor's Escort. Mr George Taylor, gave a dinner

party in the Mayoral Suite at the Town Hall. Kensington, last

Town Hall. Kensingson. Has night. The glussis were:

He The High Commissioner for Crorus and Mr. Angelder. Fleid Marshal The Lord Branall and Lady Ramall. St. Bruce Tuck. Bt. And Lady Tuck. St. Bruce Tuck. Bt. And Lady Tuck. St. Godfrey and Lady Thylor. Mis Monous Judge and Mrs Gerald Gordon. Mr and Mrs Bryth Castdy. Mrs Anne Dickfrson. Mr Peter Knapp-fisher. Mr and Mrs. Constraintic Leventis. Mr and Mrs. Constraintic Leventis. Mr and Mrs.

Birthdays today The Right Rev Peter Ball, Bishop of Lewes, and his twin brother, the Right Rev Michael Ball, Bishop of Trura. 60: Sir John Clark, former chairman, The Plessey Company, 66: Professor Evelyn Ebsworth, vice-chancellor, Durham University, 59: Sir Arnold Elton, consu tanı surgeon, 72; Sir Jack Hibbert, director. Central Statistical Office, 60: Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, former chair-man, Allied-Lyons, 69: Miss K.M. Jenkins, former director of personnel. Royal Mail. 47; Mr Kevin Keegan, footballer, 41; Mr John MacGregor, MP, 55: Miss Manuela Maleeva, tennis player, 25: Countess Mountbatten of Burma, 68: Professor Sir Charles Oatley, electrical engineer, 88: the Hon Hanning Philipps, former Lord Lieutenant of Dyfed, 88: Lord Rossmore, 61: Mr Michael Rudman, theatre director and producer, 53: Sir Albert Sloman, former vice-chancellor. Essex University, 71: Mr Jocelyn Stevens, rector, Royal College of Art. 60; Mr D.M. Stewart, principal. Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, 62: Mr A.W.H. Stewart-Moore, former chairman, Gallaher. 77: Sir David Wilson (life peer). Gov-ernor of Hong Kong. 57.

Luncheon

The Hon Douglas Hurd, Sec-rustry of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, held a luncheon yesterday at I Cariton Gardens in honour of Mr Fred-Zambia.

Appointments

Mr John Brunel Cohen, Mr Derek Fenton and Surgeon Cap-tain Malcolm Naylor, RNR, are to be Deputy Lieutenants for Greater London.

Dinners

Mr Basil Helal. President of the Sciences

Or Patrick J. Lincoln presided at Hunterian Society, welcomed the fellows and guests at the anniver-sary dinner held last night at the a dinner of the Friends of the British Academy of Forensic Sci-ences held last night at the Law Society. Mr J. Griffith Williams, QC. and Sir David Napley, direc-Savoy Hotel. The Hon William Waldegrave. MP. and Lord Wigoder, QC, were the principal tor of the academy, also spoke. Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea

Chester Business Club The Dean of Chester was the guest of honour and principal speaker at a dinner of the Chester Business Club held last night at the Rowton Hall Hotel, Chester, Mr Ronald Smith, vice-chair man, presided, Mr R.T. Hunt, president, and Mr Bob Clough-

Reception

HM Government
Mr Michael Forsyth. Minister of
State at the Scottish Office, was host at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government last night in Edinburgh Castle for employ-ees of the Lothian Health Board.

Royal Fine Art Commission

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, honoured the Royal Fine Art Commission by opening its retrospective exhibition "On The Side of the Angels?" at 7 St James's Square on Thursday, February 13. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness are received by Lord St John of Feweter, Chairman of the Com-Fawsley, Chairman of the Commission, and Mr Sherban Cantacuzino, Secretary. Among

The Beigian Ambassador, the French Ambassador, the Greek antimemator, the Italian Ambassador, the Greek antimemator, the Italian Ambassador, the Peruspete Ambassador, the Spanish Ambassador, the High Contribusioner for Malte. Mr. David Caruer, Dame Elizabeth Chessenno, Sir Philip Doveson, the Duke of Gratforn, Dr Mark Circuard, for Michael Hopstins, and Edmar Lipton, 4r Alchard MacCortone, Mr. Hai Mongridge, Mrs. John Mitting, Mr. Somet Subsertand, Miss Werldy Taylor, Mr. William

Waisheld, Mr John Winker, the Counters of Abrin. Mr David Accalus. Baroness March, CEE. Frimmer and Mrs Dorn. Rever. Mr Anthony sleet her Sempessed eld; Harpen, Mr Rubert Bridges, Lord Charterio of Amisfeld, Lord Carlington. He Ween Control, Mr Hugh Corner, Mr Mobile Carlon, Mr Hugh Corner, Mr Mobile Carlon, Mr Andrew Cumlison. Sir Roper de Grey, sirgadier and Mrs J N Elderia. Mr Sidred Evans, Lord Goodman, Sir Tereste Heiser, Dr John Rayes, Mr Rayes, Mr Bridge Stranger, Sir Gentry Leigh, Mr S M Lane, Mr David Gentry, Leigh, Mr S M Lane, Mr David Gentry, Leigh, Mr S M Lane, Mr David Rupers New El. Mr. Trever Osborne. Lord Palumbe. Mr. Charles Prosser. Mr. Lappold de Rochschild. Mr. Peser Rass. Mr. Sydney Sporle. Mr. Adrian Standard. Courching Alex Septl. Mr. Devid Shalev. Mr. Francis Sitwell. Mr. Stephan Stringer. Lord Wolbon of Marylebous. Counciller David Weels. Mr. Nicholas Jerking. Mr. Stephan Standell. Mr. Richard Coleman. Miss Mary Giles. Mr. Paul Duream. Miss Pauline Verard. Mrs. Chila Scot. Mr. Monty Caliris. Mr. Hicholm figure. Mr. Secham Secantific. Mrs. Pauricia Machenitie and Mrs. Norah While.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.A. Appleyard and Miss A.C. Widenfelt

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr Brian Appleyard, of Harrogate, and Mrs Pauline Appleyard, of Knaresborough, Yorkshire, and Anne, daughter of the late Goran Widenfelt and Mrs Maj-Britt Widenfelt, of Stockholm, Sweden. The marriage will take place at Cannes, France, in September,

Mr E. Benito and Milat A, O'Gorgans The engagement is announced between Eduardo Benito, and Andrea, daughter of Mr and Mrs

Panick O'Gorman

Mr A. Cameron and Miss C. Chapun The engagement is announced between Alan Cameron, of Bath, and Camay, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeffrey Chapman, of

Aylsham, Norfolk Captain P.J.H. Charle and Mins L.C. Holi The engagement is amounced between Captain Peter Clunic, 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers, second son of Mr and

Thames, Surrey, and Lucy, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs J.M. Holt, of Tackley, Oxfordshire. Mr T.C. Cobley

The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs T. Cobley, of Langley, Berkshire, and Diana, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Weich, of Burntwood.

Mr M.J. Cozroy and Miss A.J. Harris

The engagement is amounced between Michael, son of the late Mr W.J. Conroy and of Mr and Mrs J.J. Dreelan, and Alexandra, and Alexandra, and Alexandra, and Alexandra, and Mrs J.J. State of Mr. and Mrs. The Mrs. daughter of Mr and Mrs LJ.

Mr M.J. Davies and Miss A.R. Chater Robins The engagement is announced between Michael John, only sor of the late Mr John Davies and of Mrs Rosamund Davies, of Bishopston, Gower, Wales, and Annabel Rose, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Chatter Robinson, of Essex Villas, London, WS, and The Elms, Idan Street.

Mr R.C. Daysh and Miss S.S. Rams The engagement is amounced between Roy Campbell Daysh and Sarah Shelagh Ramaden. Spirites prid. non. Augustus

Mr R.L. Dick and Miles A. Suppressyste Mr and Mrs John Smurthwalts of Stratford-upon-Avon have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter Amanda to Robert Irwin, son of Mrs Jean Dick and the late Mr David Dick, of Glasgow. Mr N.E. Farey and Miss M.Y. Chan

The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs S.E. Furey, of Sheffield, and Mei Yen, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.T. Chan, of Penang.

Mr E. Goulis

and Miss M.D. Widdleombe The engagement is announced between Eistathios, younger son of Mr Michalis Goulis and the late Mrs Athina Goulis, of Corfu, Greece, and Miriam, only daughter of David Widdicombe. QC, and Mrs Anastasia Widdicombe, of London, NWI.

Mr J. Hodgson and Mrs E. Gresty

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mrs Ethel Thorpe, of Runcorn, Cheshire, and the late Mr John Hodgson, of Liverpool, and Evelyn, daughter of the lase Colonel and Mrs William Henry Price, of Keswick,

Mr M.W. Houses and Miss E.J. Woodley The engagement is announced between Matthew, elder son of the late Clifford Hoskins and of Mrs Christine Hoskins, of Gwehelog, Gwent, and Elizabeth, only daughter of the late Peter Woodley and of Mrs Marie Woodley, of Ropley, Hampshire.

Mr M.G. Karrein

and Miss C.A.C. Barlow The engagement is announced between Martin, third son of Mr and Mrs Fritz Kurrein, of Peasmarsh, East Sussex, and Sasha, second daughter of Mr Peter Barlow, of Cambridge, and Mrs Kenane Barlow, of Fulham,

Mr N.J. Moss and Miss D.C. Wilson Smith The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr

and Mrs John Moss, of Windsor, Berkshire, and Dominique, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Wilson Smith, of

Mr W.S.M. Pins and Miss A. Bowen

The engagement is announced between Jay, only son of Mr Warren Pires, of Hurst Green, East Sussex, and Mrs Ingrid Pires, of Hampton, Middlesex, and Angie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs. Michael Bowen, of

My R.P. Rider and Miss W.J. Richardson The engagement is announced between Roger, son of Mrs Maureen Neish, of Woking, The engage Surrey, and Wendy, daughter of

Mr G. St John Burch and Miss N.J. McCubbin

The engagement is announced between Giles St John, only son of Major General and Mrs Keith Burch, of York, and Nancy Jeanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Niven McCubbin, of Chellen-

Mr P. Sanderson

and Miss E.S. Barton The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs Brian Sanderson, of North Shields, and Elizabeth, elder twin daughter of Dr John and Dr Carol Barton, of North

and Miss S.L. Harris The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr John Saville and the late Mrs Moira Saville, of Ullenhall, Warwickshire, and Sonia, eldest daughter of the Reverend Lawrence Harris and Mrs Sharon Harris, of Clowne, Derbyshire.

Mr W.D.G. Sharp and Miss C.A. Snagge The engagement is announced between William, second son of Mr and Mrs Peter Sharp, of Tregawne, Withiel, Cornwall, and Charlone, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Snagge, of

Mr A.A.H. Taylerson and Miss L.L. Williams The engagement is announced

between Angus, son of Major R.J.R. Taylerson, reid, and Mrs Taylerson, of Cardeston, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, and Liza, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.L.E. Williams, of Ryton, Dorrington, near Shrewsbury.

and Miss T.M. Lewis The engagement is announced between Andrew, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Colin Thompson, of Welwyn, Hentfordshire, and Tanis, daughter of Mr and Mrs Tim Lewis, of North Anston, South Yorkshire.

Mr J.V.J.G. Wateon and Miss R.S. Cha and Miss R.S. Chaples
The engagement is announced
between James, youngest son of
Drs S.V.J. and L. Watson, of
Leeds, Yorkshire, and Rebecca,

elder daughter of Mr and Mrs T.W. Chaplin, of Reading, and Miss L.N. Hossain

The engagement is announced between Matthew, eldest son of 'Mr and Mrs John Woollam, of Daiwood, Devon, and Lella, only daughter of the late Mr Iobal Hossain and of Mrs R.K. Hossain, of Queens Club

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Malthus, wali, 1779; Sir William Blackeconomist and demographer. Rookery. Surrey. 1766: Frank. Harris: writer. Galway. 1856: Israel Zangwill writer. Zionist and philanthropist. London 1864.

DEATHS: Richard II. reigned 1377-99. murdered. Pontefract castic. 1400: John Hadley, pio-neer of the sextant, East Barnet, Hens. 1743-4: Captain James Cook. murdered by natives, Ha-

stone, Jurist. London, 1780; William Dyce, painter, London, 1864; William Sherman, Union general in the American civil war. New York. 1891: Sir Pelham (P.C.) Wodehouse, writer. New poser, Palm Springs, California,

The first regular, broadcasting transmission in Britain was made by Marconi in Essex, 1922.

Stanes, Officer for Mission, Ministry and Evangelism, Willesden Episcopal Area, diocese London, is to be Archdeacon of Loughborough, diocese Leicester, from October 1, succeeding the Ven T. Hughle Jones, who is

The for Feter D Andron, Team Berror, Billericay and Little Burstead Team Manistry, and Rural Dean of Basildon: to be also a non-residentary Canon of Cheimstord Cuinadini (Cheimstord).

It you do well, you hold your head up: If not, sin is a demon crouching at your door; it will desire you, and you will be mastered by it. Genesis 4 · 7 (RES)

BIETHS ADCOCK - On January 28th 1992. (o Joanna unki Merkinder) and Christopher, a daughter. Rosemary

ASHWORTH - On February
Ath to Juliet and Vivian. a
daughter. Lifty.
CODRAN - On February 12th
to Tracy nee Law) and
Justin. a daughter. Lorna
Elizabeth Margaret.
CORNIWELL - On February
11th. 1992. At Guys Hospi
Lai. London. to Margaret and
Grant. a daughter Amy
Charlotte.

DE BANKIE LAMPARO - De

MEATH - On January 30th
1992, to Victoria mee God
frey! and Nicholas, a
daughter, Isabella Elizabeth
Frances, a sister for James,
Edward and Thomas,
HEMRIQUES - On February
12th 1992, to Louisa mee
Cuthberti and David, at
home, a son, Peter John
Quixano, Quixano.

JAROSZEK On February

11th 1992, to Rosemary Ince
Moont and Jeremy a son,
Nitholas Richard.

KINKFATTICK On February 4th, 1992, to Miranda (nee Fitzwilliam Lay) and Francis, a son. George Hugh Francis, a son. George Hugh
LINDSAY - On February 12th
1992. to Joanne (ner
Dianogly) and Maithew, a
daughler. Alexandra Sophic
LUNT - On February 10th al
Queen Chariotle's, Felicity
(nee Hedley) and Nicholas, a
daughler. Forence Oils 1a.

daughter, Florence Olivia, MORLEY - On February 12th. to Melante and David, a

NAPIER - On February Litt. al St Thomas's, to Nicol, (nec Sykes) and Alex a son Jack Alexander Luke. PAUL - On February 11th to Lynn thee Davisl and Rich-ard, Iwin sons, Thomas James and Joseph Michael. 25th 1991, at West London Hospital, to Jill and Graham.

SHERRINGTON On February 13th. to Anne and David, a daughter, Mari Bernadelle, a sister for Francis Gerard

BIRTHS

STEPHENS -- On Petruary 11th, at Neath General Hos-pital to Jamette (nie Venables) and David, a son. Christian David Ellot. THOMAS - On February 8th 1992, to Fatricia Atmands (nde Fiddes) and David Kenyon, a daughter. Charlotte Amanda. First grandchild for both families. TODD On February 7th.
1992, at Subang Jaya
Medical Centre. Kuala
Lumpur. to Floria (née
Donaldi and Conrad, a
daughter. India Paioma
Himnah.

MARRIAGES RIDER:D'SOUZA On Thursday 6th February 8t Holy Trinity Church. Dubai Detween On Ben Rider son of Mr & Mrs J. Rider of Enfeld. Middlesex. and Mrs Sazelt D'Souza daughter of Mr & Mrs G. D'Souza of Bembay

ANNIVERSARIES DUA-CHADHA - On 14th February 1985. London. Growing funder day by day 7 wonderful years and no itch. Lose Sheatd.

COLDEN ANNIVERSARIES MOLE:ROBINSON On 14 February 1942 at Emanuel Church, Wallasey, Colin Kearlland to Rise Dorven.

HAVIATURSON - On February 14th 1942, at St Michael's. Blewbury. Michael to Pamela. Now at Springmede, Finchingfield, Essex.

DEATHS

ABELL On February 11th, pracefully after a brief illness, Susan Norman, wife of the late George Edmond Brackenbury Abell & C.I.E. Much loved mother of Tim, John and Sibella She with be greatly missed by her grandchildren and greet grandchildren and greet grandchildren and greet grandchildren. Private cremation. Service of Thanksoft ing at 2.30 pm on Wednesday February 19th at The Churth of The Holy Cross. Ramsbury Moflowers please, donations if desired to the church c/o Peter Rapson. The Square. Ramsbury. Wills.

ARDIZZONE - On February 10th, 1992, Calbertne wid-rients. To be taken to St

ARDIZZONE - On February
10th. 1992. Calherine widow of Edward Ardizzone
Regitem on Thursday February 20th at 11.30 am at
The Church of Our Lady of
Mount Carnel. Tanner
Street Faversham. Kent folfowed by burial at \$1.
Nicholas
Church,
Rodmersham. Kent Inquiries
to R High and Sons Ltd. 1
Baylord Road, Stillingbourne
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Baylord Road, Sillingbourne Keni. Tel. 0795 472958. BARBY - On February the 13th, 1992, very peacefully, Ethel Lily Barby, much losed Auni of Roger and Ian Barby, Funeral at 11 a.m. on March the 3rd al Pulney Vale Crematorium. DEATHS

RAKER On Wedne February 12th. RAKER On Wednesday, February 12th, in Bournermouth Ceneral Hospital, Robert William, F.R.C.A., aged 82, husband of the late Eve Stater, father of Robert and Rosalind, and grandfather of Suzanna. Sometime Professor of Cerandos at the Royal College of Art, he was later involved in the conservation of medieval artefacts. Funeral at Hale Church, Harmshire on Friday, February 21st at 12 noon. All friends are welcome. Rowers and enquiries to J & W Shering, 18 Prus ed Siret, Fordingbridge, Hants, Tel: 0426 663019.

BARTLETT - On February izih, the fit, fev. Mgr. Canon Francis Strüct. Prot. Ap. aged 79, of \$1 Auseim and 34 Cecilia. Kingsway. London. Requietn Mass at Westrainster Cathedral on Thursday Februsky 20th of 11 30 am.

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BOULTER - On February
11th 1992, peacetally after a
tong fliness. Addrana.
Christina Martie Jamet nee
Hertogh, much loved wife,
mother and grandmother
Requiern Mass of Thursday
February 20th 1992 at
Church of The Most Holy
Trinity. Pfigrims way West.
Olford, Kent at 10.00em
followers by cremation at
tent and Sussex.
Crematorium. Benhall Mill
Rood. Tunbridge Welfs. at
11.30 am. Family flowers
only piegee, but donations if
wished. to The Effector
Foundation. C/O Francis
Chappel and Sons Lid. 27.
London Road. Sevenosks.
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CHUTE On 13th February,
pencefully in Sussex after an
iliness bravely borne,
bushue Gore, much loved
wife of the late Anthony
Vere Chute, Beloved mother
of Robits, Chaloner and Richard, and grandmother of
Charles, Arabelia, Thomas
and Jack, Private family
funeral, Remembrance Service in Suffolk to be
ammuniced taler. With true
heartfelt thanks to all the
staff at St. William Heapte,
Consilions if degred to St.
Wilfrid's Hespire, Gross mor
Road, Chichester, PO19 25 P.

munity. Vintentians com-munity. Simmarians and friends. To be taken to Si Mary's College Chapel on Tuesday, February 18th at 7 pm. Concelebrated Requiem Mans Martnerday Estrumon pm. Conceieurated Requirem
Mass Wednesday February
19th at 11 am, followed by
interment in Teddington
Cemetery at 12.30 pm. Familly flowers only. Donations,
if desired, to Strawberry Hist
Overseas Concern. c/o St
Mary College of St Victori
De Paul Society.

12th, suddenly in Spain, the Roverend Stephen Lumsden. Beloved son of Lestie and the late Sydney Elkington and reach loved brother of Olana.

The second secon

de BURGH SHOLEY - On February 10th, suddenly in Dorchester, William Arthur (Douglan), lake Colontal Police Service, Funeral at Selektory Orenstorture at 11.18 am on Friday, February 21st. No flowers please, but donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation, 14 Februarings Street, WIR 991.

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DEERS - On February 9th.
Amy Mary infolliel. Peacefully at Dorny House
Retirement Horne. 3 weeks
after her beinged husband
Jos. Los ed and retured by her
dataghters. grandcfuldren
and great-grandson. Funeral
at 11:00 am on Saturday.
Febrary 22nd at Woking St
John's Crematorium. Hermitage Road. Woking.
Family flowers only but
donations. If desired, to
Bartardos Horne.

DUNCAM - On February 11th.

Barardos Home.

DURICAN - On February 11th;
1992. pracefully at
Lanadowne House Nursing
Hone, Bourniembilli. Frank
William Kenneth ifemethi
In his 87th year. Funeral
Service at Bournemouth
Crematorium, Strouden
Avenue, on Monday,
February 17th at 1.45 pm.
Flowers to Deric-Scott.
Portman Ludge Funeral
Home. Bournemouth. If
preferred, donalions to \$1.
Christopher's Hospice, 51.59
Lawrie Park Road.
Sydenham. Lundon SE26
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EVAMS - On February 12th.

EVARS - On February 12th.
1992. In his 90th year,
peacefully in hospital.
Howell Justin OBE of
Church Stretch. Below of
punbased of Gwiadus. Eather
of Haw, Mylanws. Careth
od 1980 and Elaine,
grandfather of Saul and
Isabelle. Private cremation.
followed by a Thankagiving
Service at Church Stretton
United Reformed Church at
200pm on Friday 21st February. Enquiries to A S
Morris & Son, Fuperal
Directors. Church Stretton
Tel 106941 722876
FIRMAGAM - On February

Tel 106941 722876

FIRMIGAM - On February 10th peacefully in hospital after a long times. Li Col Francis Watter (Toujs) the incredibly brane and unforgetable bushand of Jean. Requiem Mass at Ladywell Convent, Ashstad Lane. Goldalming at 11.00 am Thursday February 20th followed by interment jiamily and close friends only and at 12.15 pm Thunkogh-ing Service at St Peters Church Hambledon. No flowers please but if desired donations to The Cheshire Home. Clock Burn Lane. Goldalming.

PRY - On February 5th 1992.
Constance Armelia, widow of the late Oct Thomas Fr; Funeral to be held at Chilliern Orematorium. Amersham, Wednesday February 19th at 4 pm. Enquiries to W.S. Bond. 081 567 0422. BIOGE On February 11th, peacefully at The Manor Hotel, North Walsham, Norfolk, Margaret Cerll, aged 85, late of Crondurpugh and Brenchley, Funeral Service at St. John the Baptist Church, Collishall at 5 pm on February 26th.

DEATHS NYERS - On February 10th, after a short United. Jesse Paul Hodson, aged 82, sorely missed husband of Constance and father of Imagen and Richard, Crymalion at Cheliesham Crymalion at Cheliesham Crymalotum. Bouncer's Lane. Tuesday February 18th, at 3.50 pm., Interment at Leckhampton Parish 'Chairch. February' 19th, at 11 am. Please contact W.S. Treshalle. Funeral Directors. 174, Bath Road, Chellesham. 10242) 224897 / 862463 GAMON On February 12th, peacefully at Pineturst, Severousts, Sever

Crematorium

EMAY - Op February 13th
1992. Peacefulity at home,
Barbara unee Humel, Nuch
loved wife of Peter and
nother of Christine,
Andrew, David and Salty,
aged 63 years. Service to
Gonville and Calus College.
Cambridge at 2 18pm on
Wednesday February 19th;
followed by private cremation. February 19th;
followed by private cremation. Family Bowers only,
please, donations if desired to
the Levels Symbong Sociely, c/o Trustee Savings
Bank, 65 Street Lane, Levels.

INVIN. On February 12th, at

Bank, OS Street Lang, Leeds,
URVIN On February, 12th, at
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WARNER - On February 12th. peacefully in hospital in his 96th year. Eugene Occar dearly loved husband of Elizabeth. and respected and loved member of the staff of James Purdey and Sons for the passed 74 years. Cremation Service to be held at Puther's Wall Cemetery and Crematorium. Stag Lane, putney's Swits. Thursday February 20th at 2.50 pm. Hower's to JH. Kentyon Lid. 49 Marlors Road w8 by 12.50 pm. that day with great sodness. Fahian, those beloved father of Sam and Mathew. and so joved by many. February 11th. suddenly, with great sodness. Fahian, those beloved father of Sam and Mathew. and so joved by many. 14th February at St. Ann's Caurch. St. Ann's Seuter. Manchester. 10.30 s m. 160lloved by private cremation of the street content of the last day for growing to the last d

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Dated this 12th day of February 1992.

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IN LIQUIDATION
Take notice that the understant of the process of t London WCIX SPP, was appointed Lightidator of SiENNA CARS LIMITED by a resolution of a meeting of the company's creditors held on the 4th day of February 1992.

Dotted this 6th day of February 1991.

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Dated the 10th day
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J. DAYIS, Director

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ESCUDERO (c) A shield-bearer, esquire, lady's page, from the Spanish ascado a shield: "His escuderos rode in front, His cavaliers behind."

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(c) A guest's last straw, from Coleridge's The Ancient Mariner: "The Wedding-Guest here bent his breast,/For he heard the loud bassoon." PORLOCKIAN (c) Intrusive, interrupting, named after the man from Portock who interrupted Coleridge and broke his train of inspiration in mid-flow during the composition of Kubla Khan.

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TWRGEE - On February 11th 1992, peacefully at Holyport Lodge. North's Twigge, formerly of Venhors, Iv., and Stone Street. SVI. Widow of Herbert Lesite Twigge and loving mother of Alam Folganher Twigge. Killed in action July 1944. Nucfrieved aunt: great-aunt and friend to many, Rest in peace. Fungral private, no flowers by request Enquiries c/a F G Pyrum & Son, 65/67 Moorbridge. Road.

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OBITUARIES

CLARK TIPPET

Clark Tippet, a former leading dancer and more recently a choreographer of American Ballet Theatre, died of Aids in his home town of Parsons, Kansas, on January 27 aged 37. He born on October 5, 1954.

ALTHOUGH Clark Tippet showed exceptional early promise as a dancer, that career was interrupted and curtailed by problems of health, both physical and psy-chological. Then, when he began to fashion a new career for himself as a choreographer, that too was cut short by the increasingly debilitating effects of Aids. London audiences saw only

was by general agreement the best of them: Some Assembly Required. Made in 1989 and brought by American Ballet Theatre to the Coliseum in 1990, it was a lively, argumentative duet for Amanda McKerrow and John Gardner, tracing a domestic relationship through several moods from aggressive quar-rel to slightly cute making up. In this. Tippet found a way of giving movement an expressive twist and making use of the personality of his dancers. It marked a big improvement on the arguably too literal step-for-note abstract music visualisation he had previously shown in Bruch Violin Concerto, given by ABT at the Paris International

Dance Festival in 1988. Born into a large family in the American mid-West, Tip-pet had to fight for attention and did so by his early interest in all theatrical activities - singing and acting equally with dancing. When he was

11 his local dancing teacher moved to work at a school in New York and he followed her there.

Six years later in 1972 he

auditioned for the American Ballet Theatre School and was accepted almost instantly into the company where he was promoted to soloist at 20 and principal dancer at 21. He was quickly given a range of leading roles, helped by the fact that his height and strength made him able to partner the taller ballerinas, notably Martine van Hamel But he found the resulting pressure too intense and he also had injuries leading to a knee operation. Consequently, after creating a part in Twyla Tharp's Push Comes To Shove (1976) and appearing in the film The Turning Point (1977), he temporarily stopped dancing, still only in his early twenties.

Tippet was lured back to the stage in 1979 by Dennis Nahat, to dance with the Cleveland Ballet which he directed in Ohio. After engagements there and in Australia and Israel. Tippet felt confident enough to return to ABT, although he now aban-doned the big classic roles in doned the big classic roles in favour of participating in new works by choreographers including Tharp (Bach Partita), Glen Tetley (The Sphinn), Kenneth MacMillan (Requiem by Andrew Lloyd Webber) and the modernists David

ety. This became the South-

African Council on Sport's

Hassan Howa first came to

international prominence as

the president of the non-ra-

cial South African Cricket Board of Control which con-

trolled the games of some

26,000 non-white cricketers.

His influence infuriated the

Pretoria government. It re-

peatedly refused him a pass-

port in an attempt to prevent him from spreading his argu-

ments abroad in person.

As the government began

offering concessions, Howa

at first refused to respond. He

turned down overtures that

his cricketing body should

join the white cricketer's rul-

ing body (the South African Cricket Association) and the black cricketers ruling body

His attitude was all or

Other sporting officials -

and honorary consulting bacteriolo-gist to St George's Hospital, London,

died on January 21 aged 77. He was born in Hungary on March 24, 1914.

STEPHEN Elek was responsible for

several notable advances in bacteriologi-

cal and immunological research. While

studying the immunology of staphylo-

coccal and other bacterial toxins, he

devised a test for recognising virulent

diphtheria bacilli from patients which

obviated the need to use animals for this

purpose. This became known known as

the "Elek plate". He also described a

"double diffusion gradient" system for

detecting and analysing multiple sys-

Stephen Dyonis Elek was educated at

the Lutheran High School, Budapest,

and came to this country to study medicine at St George's Hospital Medical

School, qualifying MBBS (Lond) in 1940. He obtained his MD and DPH in

1943 after specialising in bacteriology as

Laking-Dakin fellow at St George's,

1942-43, and also became clinical pa-

thologist to the Maida Vale Hospital for

With the war over, he applied for and obtained British nationality. During his years in the pathology department at St

George's he vigorously pursued bacterio-

logical research and was awarded his

PhD in 1948; he also became consultant

bacteriologist to St George's Hospital in the same year. All of his research was

soundly based and clearly presented. In 1956, with a Fulbright fellowship, he

worked with John Hanks at Harvard

Medical School This visit was to

familiarise himself with tissue-culture

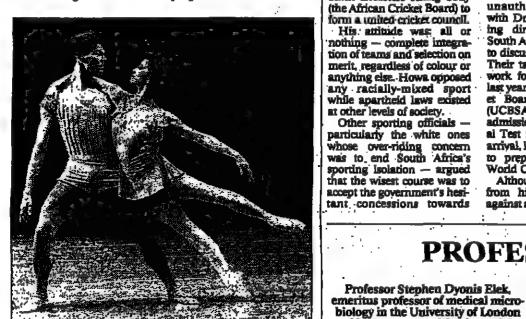
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Gordon and David Parsons. He began choreography in 1987 with Enough Said, and during the time left to him created works for the Pacific Northwest Ballet in Seattle as well as American Ballet Theatre, but his energies were increasingly sapped by the progress of his Aids infection.



Clark Tippet partnering Martine van Hamel in Bach Partita, choreographed by Twyla Tharp

DANIEL PARKER

Daniel Parker, grandson of the founder of the Parker Pen Company and long-time head of the firm, died at the Medical University of South Carolina on January 28 aged 66. He was born in Chicago on June 8,

THE famous fountain pen was Daniel Parker's inheritance but it was not his major interest in life. Though he joined the family firm as director of research and product development in 1950 after serving as a lieutenant in the US Marine Corps and graduating from Harvard Business School, it was not long before he started his own business on the side.

A pilot of both fixed and rotary wing aircraft, he founded a helicopter company in 1955. The firm, which became Omniflight Helicopters in 1962, ultimately grew into a worldwide maintenance service for helicopters operated by hospi- 'sons and two daughters.

tals, police forces and public

The diversion did not stop him becoming, at 35, the youngest chief executive of-ficer in the history of Parker Pen, which was founded in 1888. He went on to become president and chairman of the company, finally retiring as honorary chairman in

An active Republican, Parker served on numerous government bodies during the Nixon and Ford administrations. He was director of the Agency for International Development from 1973 to 1977, a member of the president's public advisory com-mission on trade policy from 1968 to 1969, and the president's special co-ordinator for international disaster assistance from 1971 to 1973. He was also a member of the business advisory council to the World Bank from 1977

He leaves a widow, two

HASSAN HOWA

Hassan Howa, anti-apartheid sports campaigner and former president of the South African Council on Sport (SACOS), died in Capetown on February 12 aged 69. He was born on August 4, 1922. USING a cricketing meta-phor to explain the philosophy behind his determined campaign against South Africa's apartheid laws, Hassan Howa would say: "When a fast bowler hits you, beckon him down the pitch and say: 'Bowl it quicker.' Don't back away. Soon he'll be so mad, you'll be able to score as you During the long years of apartheid in South Africa, Howa gave no quarter, campaigning resolutely in favour of isolating the republic totally from the rest of the world in sporting events. There could be no normality in sport, heargued, in an abnormal soci-

> multi-racial sporting events, but for a long time Howa would have none of it. Eventually, however, as the apartheid framework began to disintegrate he moderated his approach and took part in negotiations aimed at "normalising sporting

relations.
In 1987 he was ousted as president both of SACOS and the Western Province Cricket Board, which represented mainly coloured players. He was accused of nolding unauthorised discussions with Dr Ali Bacher, managing director of the white South African Cricket Union, to discuss unity in the game. Their talks laid the groundwork for the establishment, last year, of the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA), the country's readmission to the international Test match arena and its arrival, last week, in Australia

to prepare for the cricket World Cup. Although never wavering from his lifelong revulsion against any form of prejudice,

whether based on race, religion or sex, Howa urged SA-COS to open unity talks with other sports. In 1990 reconciliation came when he was honoured by the Western Cape region of SACOS for his contribution to sport. Last year he was admitted to South Africa's Gallery of Sporting Legends by the Confederation of South African Sport, an umbrells, non-ra-

cial body. SACOS owed its formation to an incident in 1972. A group of youths started to kick a football around one Sunday afternoon when the police arrived and arrested them. The youths were mixed-race coloureds and they were accused of a breach of the Group Areas Act, the South African apartheid law, now repealed, which defined where people of different shades could live and amuse themselves. The boys were playing soccer in a white

A few months after the episode SACOS was formed and Howa was appointed vice-

PROFESSOR STEPHEN ELEK

president. The following year he became president and held the position until 1980. It was affiliated to the Londonbased South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee (SANROC) and, it exerted ceaseless pressure to isolate South Africa from any international sporting competition until all vestiges of apartheid were removed. At the height of its influence SACOS claimed to represent 25 sports and a membership of two million blacks, coloureds and Asians barred through apartheid from competing on equal terms with whites.

Howa was criticised for concentrating too much on the ideological issues and neglecting the physical development of his players' facilities which were often untidy and poorly maintained.

Hassan Howa was born in Wynberg, near Capetown, one of 12 children of a Muslim father and a Christian mother, and grew up in a politically aware family — his father at one time being president of the Cape Indian Congress. He said his religiously mixed background was his most enriching experience and his 1946 marriage to his wife, Sybil, demonstrated his attitude to prejudice. The young couple's marriage was opposed by her parents on religious grounds so they cloped and he was charged with abduction before they were granted permission to marry after an application to

the Supreme Court. He only once joined a political party — in the late 1950s when he because a member of the newly-formed anti-apartheid Progressive Party. But he had to resign when the government introduced the Prohibition of Improper Political Interference Act. another apartheid measure now repealed which barred mixed-race membership of

political parties. He was a keen cricketer all his life and when age and illhealth ended his playing days continued to support his fa-vourite teams and was always seen giving a hand with the

roller between Innings. He leaves his wife and eight children.

awarded DSc (Lond) on the basis of

published research work. Meanwhile,

Elek's interest in the important

staphylococci that cause boils and more

serious purulent infections had contin-

ued, and in 1959 his book Staphylococ-

cus pyogenes and its relation to disease was published. This book was recognised

as authoritative and, together with the immunological studies already men-

tioned, led to the names of Stephen Elek

and St George's Hospital Medical

School becoming known around the

He obtained MRCP in 1960 and

became FRCP in 1971; he was a founder

member of the College of Pathologists

when it was inaugurated in 1962, and

became FRCPath in 1964. On his initia-

tive, in 1966, the Public Health Labora-

tory Service established a Public Health

Laboratory (directed by Dr D. G. Fleck)

to join the Tooting section of the St George's microbiology department. This was only the second instance of such an

association of a public health laboratory

with a medical school (the first was at

Cambridge), and it has been most fruitful. In 1973 Elek retired, foreseeing the

increased bureaucracy that would result

from the first of the NHS reorg-

Elek had strong artistic sensibilities

(excluding music!) and was himself a

most accomplished sculptor. His favour-

ite recreation was to make busts of

friends and colleagues; busts which com-

bined the highest artistic content and

instant recognisability of the subject. His

bronze head, "Dr Anthony Feiling" (se-

nior neurologist at St George's), was

accepted for the Royal Academy's Sum-

In 1947 he married Sarah Joanna

anisations the next year.

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Hall; they had three daughters.

THEODOR GASTER

Theodor Herzl Gaster, a British-born scholar of comparative religion who worked on the original translation of the Dead Sea Scrolls, died in Philadelphia on February 3 aged 85. He was born in

London in 1906.

DURING an academic career that spanned five decades Theodor Gaster worked to make the myths and fables of the ancient world accessible to large audiences. Literate in 29 languages and dialects, he delved among the writings of the early Hittites, Canaanites, Hebrews, Greeks and Romans, seeking to understand the stories in the context of

the time they were created. His approach differed from that of his better-known contemporary, the late Joseph Campbell, who saw myth as a story from which the modern reader might gain some insight. Gaster, by contrast, viewed it as a testament to a different mind-set and ques-tioned whether it was possible to translate fable into today's terms. "That world is gone," he used to say.

None the less, he produced a number of popular works, including Oldest Stories in the World, The New Golden Bough, Thespis, Myth, Legend and Custom in the Old Testament, and The Holy and the Profane: Evolution of Jewish Folkways. His book on the scrolls, Dead Sea Scriptures, sold more than

200,000 copies.

Born the son of Moses Gaster, a chief rabbl of the Sephardic Jews, who named him after his friend Theodor Herzl, the founder of Zionism, Gaster attended the University of London where he studied Greek. Latin and

archaeology. He gained his PhD from Columbia University in 1943 and remained in the United States teaching there and at several other American universities. From 1968 to 1972 he was chairman of the reli-

gion department at Barnard College.
David Marcus, associate professor of Bible at the Jew-ish Theological Seminary in Manhattan, describes Gaster as "an old-fashioned scholar who would spend hours in the library digging up arcane facts." His reputation among his students, however, was intimidating and he acquired a certain notoriety for yelling. "Go away!" whenever they knocked on his study door. This manner did not endear him to academic committees, many of which rejected his applications for tenure. Gaster's talents were more appreciated outside the narrow confines of his own cam-

He received Guggenheim fellowships and two Fulbright professorships, one in Rome and one in Melbourne, Australia. He was annual guest professor of Semitic studies at Leeds University in 1959 and 1963. and worked as chief of the Hebraic section of the Library of Congress from 1944 to 1948.

Theodor Gaster is survived by his wife and one daughter.

APPRECIATIONS

Colonel Sir **Martin Gibbs**

I EXPECT that many others will agree with me that your obituary of Tim Gibbs (Feb-ruary 11) did not do full justice to his understanding of young people and his pleasure in contemporary arts

Tim Gibbs was for many

years the patron of The Cirencester Workshops Trust, a seminal centre for contemporary arts and crafts in Cirencester and the forerunner of many similar developments across the country. He attended and obviously enjoyed many Workshops functions and exhibitions and showed a keen appreciation of the work displayed much more so than might be expected of a "traditionalist". This was of, course, partly because of his own serious hobby as a woodworker, at which he demonstrated considerable skill. As Lord Lieutenant and as patron, he accompanied the Prince of Wales on his visit to the Ciren-

Tim Gibbs also had an enviable ability to get on with people much younger than himself. This may be explained as the influence of two dynamic daughters but the result was that he continued visibly to appreciate everything that life showed him, whatever it was and however unusual it may have seemed to his own contemporaries. If a traditionalist, then definitely open-minded!

Robin Dunipace

YOUR excellent obituary on Colonel "Tim" Gibbs touched on his interest in people. In fact it was his genuine concern for and understanding of the young, from all walks of life, that made him such a remarkable man to us. He never failed to give enormous encouragement, tempered with the occasional word of wise advice;

and he was always great fun. His death, at the end of such a long period of service and example to others, leaves a large gap in the lives of all who were lucky enough to know him.

Brigadier Arthur Denaro, Staff College, Camberley.

submitted to a test of its adequacy. Every cup, sance-pan, oven, and lamp may, therefore, be said to have

carned a certificate by the fact

of its presence.

A feature of the vessels is that they are generally, if not always, marked with their capacity. Whether of metal or

pottery, they tell what they can hold; and some go into such nice detail on this point that they remind one of a medicine-

glass. But why should medi-cine-glasses have a monopoly

of such convenience? It will be obvious to cooks, at any rate, that it is good to know when you have poured out a pint, half-pint, or what-not.

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framed as to prevent its con-tents from being blown about

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cester Workshops in 1988.

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The object of this London exhibition 70 years ago was to make the daily life of men and women "simpler and happier". By today's

standards the offerings were fairly modest; a small electric cooker that could be transformed into a fire and an aluminium saucepan costing 6s 6d that was guaranteed to last 75 years.

DELIVERANCE FROM DRUDGERY.

Labour-saving devices for the home "Deliverance from Drudgery" is the title of an exhibition opened yesterday, and to con-tinue for a month, at 6. Queensquare, Bloomsbury. It is one of the enterprises of the Design and Industries Association, which is seeking "to create a simpler and happier world for the average man and woman". The other enterprises include six touring exhibitions, two concerned with textiles, two with printing, one with fur-niture designs, and one with pottery. That people are, as the association contends, asking more and more for quality and utility in the things of daily use, for colour and cheerfulness in their surroundings, is indicated by the 12-months' total

of visitors to their exhibitions, which reaches 200,000. The collection in Queen square is the outcome of much thought devoted by many manufacturers to the machin ery of common needs. There is no advertisement. One finds on the walls, not the names of firms, but the enunciation of sane principles of furnishing and warnings against putting elaboration before usefulness. None the less, the articles have

been made by manufacturers in the ordinary business way.

and chosen by the association for their especial fitness. Before being shown, each has been

electric cooker, which can be transformed into a fire, seems the very thing for bachelors of both sexes — indeed, for all independent people living in small lodgings. They also may welcome a lamp in which the incandescent system is applied to oil, to the improvement, it is claimed, of the light as well as to the saving of money. A combination device for heating and lighting also suggests economy: a virtue in which no doubt a replica of the oil-oven on the Quest abounds. On the

other hand, knives and spoons of the long-accepted patterns are shown as examples of what to avoid, with the right sorts near at hand. It appears that, after some trouble and humbling comparison with other countries, good

aluminium ware is now being made in England. Among the exhibits is a saucepan, more handsome than many or-naments. It costs 6s. 6d., but is guaranteed to last 75 years. Though few of us want a saucepan for so long as that, it represents a sound theory of the association, that a good article is cheap in the end, just as there is no reason why a cheap article should not be good. Avoid ostentation and you save labour, and approach beauty, is the the guiding plan of the exhibition.

Latest wills

The Rt Hon Simon George Craven, of Eighth Earl of Craven, of Eastbourne, East Sussex, left es-Mr William Richard Parslow, of tate valued at £546,341 net.

Professor Roger William Gilliant, of Washington DC, USA, Senior Clinical Neuro-physiologist at the National Institutes for Neurological Disease and Stroke at Bethsheda, USA, left estate in the UK valued at £312,161 net. Lt Col James Russell Kennedy, of

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Hampstead, London NW3, left estate valued at £1,169,475 net. Miss Edith Mary Alford, of Shaftesbury, Dorset, left estate valued at £461,074 net. Other estates include (net before

Mr John Charles Northam, of Hagley, Hereford and Worcester, company director............. £554,205. Mr Michael Taylor Harding-Rolls. of Monmouth. Gwent...

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Mr William Charles Gurnhill, of Lincoln Gloucs ...-Gloucs ... Mr David Keith McGowan, of

believe they have found the Mrs Patricia Mavis Darlington Robinson, of Newnham, Cam-___E673.349. Mr Paul Eric Thurston, of Poole ...£571.448.

.....£820,273. Mr Ronald Hill, of London Lilian Margaret Jelf, of Lechlade,£508,676. Mr Henry Ludham, of Coleford, Birmingham......£948,011.

Danes find hall of the Viking kings

problem of obtaining growth of the

bacilli of leprosy in vitro; at that time it

was not even possible to grow them in

animals. This was not successful, nor has

it been since, though growth in animals

has been achieved. However, this was

the start of a leprosy research group in

his department, which has continued up

On his return from Harvard, the

pathology department at \$t George's

was divided into four departments, one

for each of the constituent sub-special-

ities of pathology, and Elek was appoint-

ed to the chair of medical microbiology

and to be head of the department of

medical microbiology. In 1958 he was

to the present.

BY CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT

ancient seat of Denmark's first Viking dynasty, confirming the historical basis of legends told in the Nordic sagas. Large tracts of the rolling countryside around Lejre, near Roskilde, to the west of Copenhagen, an area abounding in burial mounds and Viking stone tombs, have been designated as an archaeological site which archaeologists have been excavating since 1986 in the

DANISH archaeologists

hope of unearthing traces of the earliest Viking kings. The sagas relate that Leire was the chief city of Denmark's first Viking royal family - the "Skjold" (in English Scylding) dynasty — dating to about AD500. Nordic myths

tell that King Skjold - the name means shield — was so called because he made his first mysterious appearance asleep in a boat lying on a shield. The dynasty lasted at least a century, through Skjold's successors. Halfdan. the sagas." Roar, Helge and Rolf Krake. The oldest known reference to the dynasty's heroic and

bloody exploits is in the eighth century Anglo-Saxon epic poem Beowulf. Set in the period of the Germanic migrations in the fourth to sevof wood. enth centuries, the poem The longhouse building is places Hereot, the hall of the

Scylding king Hrothgar, at Tom Christensen of Roskilde museum, the archaeologist in charge of the Lejre dig, said: "Although we must be

into the findings so far, there is evidence that the sagas linking Lejre with the Scylding kings might be based on fact. I am convinced that we have uncovered a royal residence dating from the time of The Danish team has dis-

covered a boat-shaped Viking longhouse, 165ft long, 33ft high and 1,800 square feet in area. Only foundations of the huge hall and outhouses remain, as the construction was

twice the size of other halls discovered in Denmark, similar to contemporary Viking age royal manors at Nidaros in Norway and Cheddar in Wessex. The size of the build-

careful not to read too much ing and the quality of the artefacts unearthed, including ornamental bronze stud decorations for swords and sheathes, brooches, keys, pottery and a large quantity of jewellery, indicate that the hall was more than an ordinary farmhouse building.

The longhouse and outbuildings found so far date from around AD800, several centuries after the Scylding dynasty, but evidence of two almost identical earlier edifices has been found in lower levels of earth and carbon-14 dated in recent tests to the seventh century, convincing archaeologists that the site dates back even earlier. The dimensions of the hall were calculated from 200 post-hole marks on the ground.

Tories claim health 'mole' had links with Labour

By JILL SHERMAN AND MICHAEL HORSNELL

TORY MPs claimed yesterday that a health official banished from Whitehall for leaking documents had links with the Labour party. Stephen Pashley, an NHS employee seconded to the health department this summer, was suspended yesterday after being accused of leaking a politically sensitive document on NHS trusts to Robin Cook.

'Slur' on Lloyd's rejected

Continued from page 1 the many thousands of policy holders who rely upon Lloyd's for their insurance

Mr Coleridge rejected the accusations and claimed that "in two of the last three completed underwriting years of account, external members have enjoyed a higher return

than working members".

He said: "If there is any suggestion whatsoever that any misconduct has occurred, it will be investigated under Lloyd's well proven in-vestigative and disciplinary

Mr Sedgemore and Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover, based their Commons motions on a briefing paper prepared for Tory MPs by Lloyd's names for a meeting with Mr Coleridge at the Commons on Tuesday night. It was confirmed yesterday that Mr Sedgemore was approached by Conservative MPs and the paper was then posted to him.

One of the Labour MPs' motions alleged that Mr Coleridge reputedly earnt £800,000 plus profits and that he had been accused at the Conservative meeting "of not being on the side of the primacy of the interests of the Names at Lloyd's".

Lloyd's Names. They are John Wakeham, the energy secretary. Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary. Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, and David Hunt, the Weish secretary.

Mr Cook used the document, which showed that 86 hospitals were in financial difficulties, to launch his health offensive last week.

In the Commons yesterday, James Arbuthnot, Tory MP. claimed that Mr Pashley was recommended by the political assistant of Mr Cook. His evidence was that Gordon Best, one of Mr Cook's political advisers, had been named as Mr Pashley's referec. Last night six Tory MPs, led by Gerry Neal, tabled an early day motion calling for Mr Cook's resignation over

The health department admitted yesterday that Mr Best's name had appeared as a referee on Mr Pashley's CV, Whitehall. A spokesman insisted that no reference had been needed for Mr Pashley's secondment to the health department this summer. The reference would have applied to his previous job at Houns-low and Spelthorne health authority, northwest Thames,

a spokesman said. Mr Best, a health academic at the King's Fund College, became Mr Cook's political adviser last year. Last night, a Labour spokesman refuted any allegations of links between Mr Pashley and the Labour party. "It is absolute nubbish. Robin Cook has never heard of Mr Pashley."

er heard of Mr Pashley."

The spokesman claimed that Mr Cook had received the document in the post. "If a document comes through the post it is the duty of the Opposition to expose the government if the government is saying things that are false."
Mr. Pashley's expulsion
from Whitehall hours after he

had been confronted by Christopher France, the permanent secretary at the health department, was unprecedented according to health officials, who said that they had hunted moles for years without ever uncarthing

It is claimed that Mr Pashley, who worked in the directorate, a section of the NHS management executive responsible for vetting trusts. was identified from the copy of the document circulated by Mr Cook at his press confer-



In remembrance: the Rev Kenneth Wigston being piped into Glen Coe yesterday to conduct the service

Scots recall an ancient act of treachery

BY ALAN HAMILTON

the 300th anniversary of one of the greatest acts of treachery in Scottish history. On a February day in 1692 lodged with their Macdonald hosts for 12 days, turned upon them and slaugh-tered 38 in cold blood. The Campbells had been prevailed upon to act as agents for the Westminster government, to mete out fearful punishment to a rival clan for

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GLEN COE, the Glen of Weeping, was the scene yesterday of a service marking giance to the new Protestant king, William of Orange.

More than 100 Macdonalds from Scotland and North America gathered brance, and to admire the memorial in-Glencoe village, which has been restored with £30,000 of donations raised by the Clan Donald Lands Trust, which administers 20,000 acres of ancestral cian lands on the Isle of Slove. Lord Macdon-

Skye, laid a wreath in memory of the slain and those who died of exposure in the snow. "In the context of clan history the numbers involved were really minislaughter under trust," he said.

After the ceremony and service the Macdonalds repaired for lunch to the Glencoe Hotel in a mood of true Christian forgiveness, given that the establishment's manager is Lorne Campbell

Rain over Northern Ireland,

Political sketch

MPs parade their family favourites

Westminster, yesterday. Nobody in the press gallery could see them. But the politicians below us seemed able to see them: seemed sure they knew them well: sure they knew their opinions on the topics of the day: sure, even, they were acquainted with the home circumstances of their lives. MPs knew how our little band were feeling: what were their fondest hopes, their secret fears ...

Yet here's the mystery. Convinced as each MP was that his assessment of the group was right, no MP's assessment seemed to agree with that of the MP who had spoken before him. Here, in short, was a puzzle: a phenomenon which all claimed to have witnessed was of which witnessed, yet of which sone gave the same report. The phenomenon was called "the average family".

It made its appearance early in Treasury questions, and never really departed. Tories found it in good heart and prospering. To Labour it was cold, hungry and close to despair.
It seemed from question

7, from Quentin Davies (C, Stamford & Spalding), that the average family had two children: but a curious fea-ture about these offspring was that they were ageless. Thus, Mr Davies wanted the Chancellor of the Ex-chequer to tell him what the average family (with their two children) had been pay-ing in income tax in 1979; and what they were now paying Even (we thought) if their two children had been at primary school in 1970 at primary school in 1979, they would be away at college now? But no, Mr. Lamont found them still under the same roof, and losing only 13 per cent of their income in tax, whereas they had been losing 1442 percent in 1979. Mr Limont thought the average family were rather chaffed about this. So did Mr Davies. He

had heard that the family was delighted with the gov-ernment's economic poli-cies. They could hardly wait to vote Conservative at the election. One longed to intervene and ask Davies to ask them if they knew when the election would be, as they seemed to know a great deal about politics. It came as a shock, then, when Ron Brown (Leith) rose from the Opposition backbenches claiming to know the family just as well

as Mr Davies, and to have

A mysterious little found their experiences and opinions quite other their existence known at cribed. According to Brown, the family were thoroughly fed up. They had been hard hit by Vat and then clobbered by poll tax. The last thing they were thinking of doing was voting Tory.

Simon Hughes (Lib Dem. Southwark & Bermondsey) knew the family too. They had a place in Bermondsey. The dearest ambition was to buy a home which incorporated energy-conserving features, but they were being deterred from this purchase by stamp duty. Could the Chancellor re-Francis Maude, a junior minister well acquainted with the family, saw them differently. They would buy the house anyway, because

energy saving saved money. Now David Tredinnick (Bosworth) entered the fray. He too knew the famlly. They lived in the Midlands. Their income had risen by 35 per cent "clearly demonstrating" to them
"the overall success of Conservative policies". But, no
sooner had Tredinnick sat down, than the picture was soured by Harry Cohen (Lab. Leyton). Cohen knew two sets of their uncles and aunts: their poor and their rich relations. The rich ones had got richer and the poor poorer. The whole family was riven by despair, envy, and class division. They all blamed the Tories.

Shadow Chancellor John Smith intervened to report that half the family were out of work: whereupon the Chancellor introduced us to their nephew, a single man on less than average earnings, who was nevertheless a good deal better off than he used to be. No wonder, then, that Maureen Hicks (C, Wolver-hampton NE) found the family's morale to be high, damaged only by the worry that Labour might win an election. This haunted them. They might emigrate.
Rhodri Morgan (Lab.
Cardiff W) thought they
had emigrated already — to "Italy, where the average family are £2,000 per annum better off". When Mr Morgan next met them, he warned us, he would have to say "excuse the

Conservatives".
Or, rather, "Mi dispiace,
E un casino. Ma abbiamo i Conservatori".

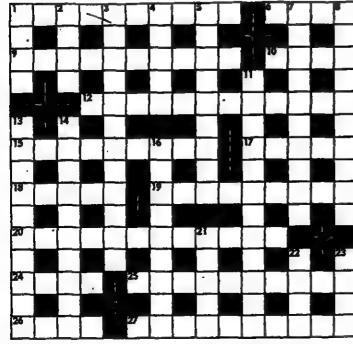
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12 Falsifies marks? Rubbish (12).

15 Amen to sin represented the state of St Paul (9). 17 One of the film crowd - he's super

18 Still slow (5).

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27 Went in, being bored (10).

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2 Garden emptied by autumn in

3 Penchant of model prince to idle

4 Was reluctant to make death-

5 You must find domestic help after sister gets married (9). 7 Does this stop drivers being over the limit? (6-4).

8 Their advances attract a great deal of interest (4.6). 11 A meeting of the ways in remote

place in Somerset? (0.6).

13 Having nothing to learn, income isn t bad (10). 14 Grave undertakings? (10).

16 Old bird is for ages wrongly identified with osprey (9). 21 University match could be a stunner (5).

22 Temptation is torment! (4). 23 Mind what you pay! (4).

> Concise crossword is on page 11 of Life & Times

Wales and southwest England will spread steadly eastwards, but only reaching northern Scotland by evening. The rain will be heavy at times, especially over southern England, and may fall as snow over Scottish mountains. Clearer WORL WATER BY brighter weather will spread into Northern Ireland. Wales, western and central England during the afternoon, reaching southern A daily safari through the guage jungle. Which definit are corner? Scotland and the rest of England during the evening. Outlook: By Philip Howard Rain over most areas on Saturday clearing slowly.

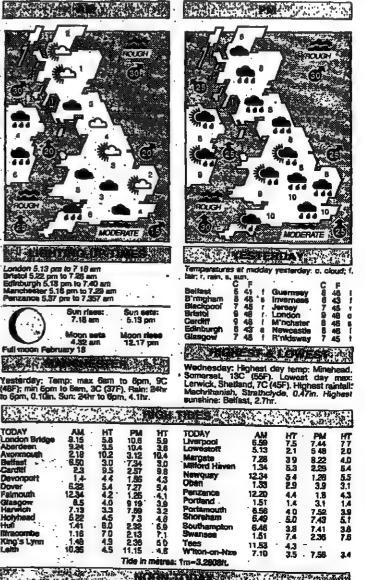
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BUSINESS



Profits at Nomura, the world's largest descending the emblematic ivy-clad nountain, in the wake of a number of scandals

FRUSTRATED

Chris Wright's plans to take Chrysalis private have been frustrated by American and Japanese shareholders Page 19

FIRST FALL



reported a fall in profits for the first time in his company's 29-year history Page 19

TOMORROW



At the age of 12, Alan Sugar, now chairman of Amstrad, was rising at 6 am to boil beetroots for a greengrocer

HOPEFUL

In a week when record mortgage repossession figures were published. Weekend Money finds some hopeful signs

Carmaker's worldwide loss tops \$2bn

Ford UK and Jaguar lose total of \$1.1bn

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK AND KEVIN EASON IN LONDON pany for the 15th year in a

row with three of the four

FORD of Britain and Jaguar plunged more than \$1.1 billion into the red last year as the UK car market slumped 21 per cent, the largest single drop in 40 years. Ford of Britain lost \$761 million

and Jaguar, for which Ford paid \$2.3 billion, lost \$354 million. Ford's share of the British market - its most important after America — dropped a full point to 24.4 per cent, but

it maintained its position as

Britain's leading car com-

BRITISH Petroleum has in-

creased its annual dividend

by 4.7 per cent, leaving payments uncovered after a fall

in net income from £1.68 billion to £415 million in

Bob Horton, the chairman,

yesterday announced a divi-

dend for the fourth quarter of

4.2p. unchanged from the

three previous quarters. That

made a total of 16.8p, up

from 16.05p. Annual earn-ings, however, fell from 31.3p

a share to 7.7p.

There had been speculation

that BP would reduce divi-

dends in response to a col-

lapse in net income in the

final quarter from £457 mil-

lion to £6 million. Results for

the three months to the end of

December were described by

Mr Horton as "extremely dis-

appointing". They were affected by a reversal of

exchange gains made earlier

in the year and a write-down

of minerals and corporate as-

sets in Canada in preparation for disposal. Recession is af-

fecting all BP's businesses.

Investors were warned that

best-selling cars - the Fiesta. Escort and Sierra.
The \$1.1 billion UK losses. reported in Brtain as £590

million, are a record and accounted for about a third of the \$3.2 billion Ford lost on cars worldwide last year. But America's second-largest carmaker has no plans to cut its 40,000 UK workforce by any more than the 2,100 voluntary redundancies already

Harold Poling, Ford chair-man, said: "We believe the

the short-term outlook was

poor because of difficult con-

ditions. BP shares, which

traded at 357p in April, fell a

Rumours of a boardroom

split over strategy persist. Mr Horton said he wanted to

"knock firmly on the head

once and for all" any sugges-

tion that directors were divid-ed on dividend policy or any other substantial issue.

Steve Aherne, finance di-

rector, said BP's dividend pol-

icy was to offer real growth

Net income for 1991 in-

million, compared with gains

of £472 million in 1990. On a

replacement-cost basis.

which excludes the impact of

stock holdings, income fell from £1.2 billion to £1.04

billion for the year and from

£456 million to £72 million in

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that it was cutting 130 jobs at

its Baglan Bay ethylene plant near Port Talbot, Wales.

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BP lifts payout

on lower profits

worst is behind us in Britain and we expect a modest economic recovery this year. In addition, we are pleased Jaguar is achieving its strategic priorities — substantially higher quality and lower cost."

Ian McAllister, chairman

of Ford of Britain, predicts that the UK market for new cars will revive slightly this year from 1.59 million to around 1.74 million. He admitted though that the company had for too long been building cars "for a market which did not exist".

After announcing job cuts of 2,100 in the company's UK plants this year, Mr McAllister stressed no further measures were planned at the moment and added: "We are making strenuous efforts to improve productivity at both Halewood and Dagenham." He said production in Britain had been reduced over the past two years by 270,000 cats and vans.

Exports leapt to 180,000 vehicles, up from 80,000 the year before, and 1 million engines, worth a total of £2.2 billion, but that was not enough to offset the drop in Ford's domestic market.

Mr McAllister's faith in Jaguar remained unshaken in spite of the figures which show just how quickly and how far the company, based at Coventry, has crashed. He said: "In the long term

Jaguar will prove a significant and wise investment for Ford Motor Company.'

For the whole of last year, the Ford parent company plunged from a net \$860 profit to \$2.3 billion losses on sales down 9.6 per cent at \$88.3 billion. And that was after Ford had added in a record \$927 million profit from its finance division. Unit car sales fell 9.5 per cent to 5.36 million.

On cars alone the company lost \$2.2 billion in America and \$970 million outside America - largely in Europe.



Bucking the recession: Ian Clubb, finance director of BOC, which announced improved results yesterday

Number out of work rises in every region

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

UNEMPLOYMENT rose in every region of the UK last month as 122,000 people lost their jobs, the biggest January increase since 1986.

After seasonal adjustment, the underlying increase in the number out of work was 53,000. That was 20,000 more than the City had expecied. The Department of Employment also revised up-wards the December rotal by more than 5,000, to 36,200.

The sharp rise in the rate of job losses pushed the total work to 2.673.864. and the unemployment rate to 9.4 per cent. There were renewed City forecasts that the total would pass 3 million before the end of the year.

Jobs were lost in every region, but the South-East, which escaped the worst of the recession in the early Eighties, continued to suffer disproportionately. After seasonal adjustment, 20,700 jobs were lost there. That is 39 per cent of the total, in a region that accounts for 34

per cent of the nation's jobs. The overall rate of unemployment in the South-East. at 8.3 per cent, remains below the seasonally adjusted 14.3 per cent national average of 9.2 per By international measures, cent. The London rate, at 9.4

per cent, is above the average, The rate at which unemployment is rising in the North, Wales and Scotland, which historically have had high unemployment rates, remains below the national average. Even there, however,

the picture is gloomy. In December, unemployment in Scotland, seasonally adjusted, increased by just 600. Last month, the rise was 2.900. Although the North and North-West also continue to suffer disproportionately from unemployment, increases in regions that previously enjoyed low levels of unemployment have nar-

Joblessness in Wales and Scotland is now little worse than the national average.

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rowed the gap.

Northern Ireland, where unemployment rose by 900 during January, still has Britain's highest level of joblessness, at

on the latest available figures, Britain's unemployment rate is 10.3 per cent. That is 1.1 per cent above the EC average and fourth worst among the countries of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, after Spain (16.3 per cent), Ireland (15.9 per cent), and Australia (10.5 per cent).

Average earnings declined y 4 per cent to 74 per cent in December.Because of delays in implementing agreements, however, the figure probably reflects the level of wage settlements in the middle of last year. Recent data from the Confederation of British Industry suggest that many pay settlement are now no higher than inflation.

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Healthy results at BOC

By JONATHAN PRYNN A SHARP improvement in the performance of its healthcare division has helped BOC Group buck the recession in its markets and push first-quarter pre-tax profits ahead 13 per cent to

£80.1 million for the three

months to end-December. Profits increased 9 per cent if the impact of currency fluctuations is stripped out and earnings per share were up 15 per cent at 10.5p. Turnover rose from £649.9 million to £711.4 million.

Profits from healthcare were up more than a quarter i t23.3 million. This was due largely to a turnround at the American-based Glasrock Health Care subsidiary, which has returned to profits after rationalisation.

However, an initial rise in the share price was reversed after the market digested gloomy news on the Far East region. The gases division improved profits marginally to £73.4 million on turnover of £508.6 million.

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THE POUND

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Babcock spends £21 m to expand

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

BABCOCK International. the heavy engineering and process contracting group, is paying [2].4 million to buy several privately owned materials handling, design and manufacturing companies from the Consilium group based in Sweden, Finland

and Germany.

Consilium of Sweden designs and makes ship-loading and unloading systems, while Consilium Bulk encompasses companies specialising in systems for the wood processing. energy, cement, minerals and grain industries. Together they made pre-tax profits of £3.6 million in the year to end-December.

The acquisitions will be integrated with Claudius Peters, Babcock's main German subsidiary, to form a new materials handling division with the aim of penetrating new markets and strengthen-

ing existing market positions. Babcock is raising £33.2 million via a share issue at 50p to finance the deal and provide funds for develop-

shareholders. Babcock has forecast an increased 3.15p (3.0p) payout to end-March. The new shares will be entitled to the 1.9p final dividend.

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with an open offer to existing

Oliver Whitehead, Babcock's chief executive, said: Together, Claudius Peters and Consilium CMH and Bulk can apply their combined management and technological skills to provide a much broader range of products to satisfy customers' bulk handling requirements"

Babcock shares reacted favourably to the deal, rising 2.5p to 58p.

Ex-Bestwood chief arrested

TONY Cole, the former chairman of Bestwood, was arrested yesterday by the City of London Police, according to a Serious Fraud Office statement last night.

Mr Cole was charged at Bishopsgate Police Station with offences of theft, procur-



ing the execution of a valuable security, false accounting and perjury. Mr Cole is due to appear at the City of London Magistrates Court today at 10.30am.

The Serious Fraud Office said that the charges follow its investigation with the City of London Police into the affairs of Bestwood. Four people, two directors of Bestwood, an accountant and a stockbroker, have already been charged with criminal

Receivers were called into Bestwood in April 1990. In June 1989, the trade department appointed Gabriel Moss, QC. and John Venning, an accountant, to investigate Bestwood and its Atlanta fund management offshoot under a section of the Companies Act that allows a general investigation into a company's affairs.

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Branson ready to sell Virgin Music

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

RICHARD Branson, founder of the Virgin Group, is on the verge of selling Virgin Music Group, his record and publishing business, in a move that would be the first divestment from the empire he has built from scratch over the nast 20 years.

There are thought to be three interested parties with proposals, said to be worth up to \$1 billion, varying from an outright sale to a joint venture. Goldman Sachs, the American investment bank, has had discussion with a

number of parties. Bertelsmann, the German media giant, is believed to be the frontrunner to buy the group, which has a turnover of \$600 million. Sources at Bertelsmann's New York headquarters confirmed that contacts with Virgin

Mr Branson said: "We are obviously

attention over whether we plan to lose our virginity or not. However for 20 years we have kept it intact."

Last night, however, the group put out a statement saying: "Over the last 20 years we have built the largest independent music group in the world with offices in over 20 countries and over 200 major artistes. "As a result we have had numerous approaches to merge or sell VMG. All of these have been rejected. However, very recently we have received a number of more interesting proposals to develop the business which have caught our imagination. Some of these proposals are in the process of being considered and may be the sub-

ject of further discussions. Virgin is believed to be interested in deals that allow the management of VMG to remain with the business. Rumours of losses at Virgin Atlantic, the group's airline, were strongly denied by

delighted that there is so much fuss and the group last week, but City analysts believe Virgin may be keen to raise cash for further development.

Virgin is the largest independent record producer in the industry and as a result is attractive to any of the majors, especially as the group still relies on third parties to manufacture and distribute its products. For a group with its own manufacturing and distribution facilities, the cost savings of merging the businesses could be large. Thorn EMI is interested in buying the business and has recently had a reported \$550 million offer rejected.

Whoever buys VMG will gain a list of some of the best selling and most durable names in the music business. Phil Collins, Bryan Ferry, Steve Winwood, Janet Jackson, UB40 and Genesis are all Virgin artists and last year Mr Branson pulled off a coup by signing the Rolling Stones' next three albums and the backlist from 1971 for £25 million.

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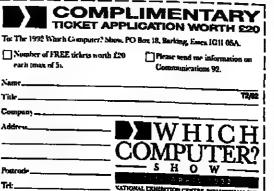
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Blow to Bonn's economic optimism

By Wolfgang Münchau

A LEADING German economic forecasting institute has poured cold water over Bonn's optimism on the economy. It says there might be a recession this year, after only marginal growth in 1991. The Berlin-based Deut

sches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (DIW) said the economy contracted by 0.5 per cent in the fourth quarter last year, and grew by only 0.4 per cent in the whole of

These data contrast sharply with statistics published by the Bundesbank, according to which the economy grew

by 3.2 per cent last year.

According to DIW estimates, the economy started contracting from the third quarter of last year. An economist at the institute said confusion over seasonal adjustment made it difficult to say for certain that the economy had gone into recession on the Anglo-Saxon definition (two consecutive quarter ly falls in output).

Year-on-year, however, gross national product was likely to fall in the first quarter

of this year. Gloom among economists contrasts sharply with the optimism expressed by Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who said this week that he expected the west German economy to grow by 2 per cent.

Unilever puts most of its agribusiness up for sale

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

UNILEVER, the Anglo-Dutch conglomerate that makes Bird's Eye meals, Brooke Bond tea and Persil, is selling the bulk of its agribusiness operations, which have a combined turnover of £500 million and employ 4,000 people worldwide.

The group, from which Sir Michael Angus retires as chairman in May, expects the net effect of the sale to give rise to a £60 million extraordinary charge that will be included in the Unilever 1991 fourth quarter results.

Unilever's total agribusinesses, which range from salmon farms in Scotland to animal feeds in Mexico, had a turnover of £797 million in 1990 and made profits of £30.

The group as a whole made overall profits of £2 billion on sales of £22.2 billion.

Michael Haines, the group's spokesman, said negonations with potential buyers were under way for some of the businesses. Others are

being put up for sale.
"There is no rush about this," he said. "We will make turther announcements when

He said the decision follows a review of the businesses in the light of Unilever's overall strategy to focus on its core

The largest Unilever busi-



Pet subject: Sir Michael Angus, who is initiating the sell-off, with Josephine

Montt, Chile. Combined

producing tiger prawns for local markets, is also on the

sale list as are: Malta Clayton,

an animal feeds operation

based in Mexico; AMI, a

ness up for sale is BOCM-Silcock group, which com-prises BOCM, a manufacturer and marketer of animal feeds employing 1,750 people at 22 mills, and Paul & Vincent, an animal feeds business, based in Edgeworthstown, Ireland which employs 80 people.

The group also owns five oil milling plants and fish feed operations in Renfrew, Strathclyde

BOCM-Silcock, which has combined sales of £320 million, is one business that is

corn hybrids business based believed to be in negotiations with a buyer. Unilever is also in Italy and Barenbrug, a selling Marine Harvest Intergroup of ten international companies involved in the national, which produces and markets salmon and is based multiplication and marketing of grass and forage seeds. Unilever's holding of a 60 in Edinburgh and Puerto

sales in 1990 totalled £50 per cent stake in the million and the businesses Netherlands-based Barenbrug grass breeding business has been offered to employ 350. Marine Harvest is believed to be loss making. Marine Harvest Malaysia, the minority partner. The group is keeping Plant a prawn farming operation

Breeding International Cambridge and its plantation Unilever shares rose 4p to

Tourism helps cut French deficit

BY COLIN NARIBOUGH

A MARKED improvement in earnings from tourism and visible trade narrowed the French current account deficit to Fr33.4 billion last year from Fr52.9 billion in 1990, according to Pierre Béregovoy, the finance minister.

The deficit for 1991 represented a modest 0.5 per cent of the gross domestic product, compared with 0.8 per cent the year before.

Darren Williams, European economist at UBS Phillips & Drew, said the narrower deficit only in part reflected success in holding down unit wage costs. "French industry is still not outperforming its competitors, and its industry." has structural problems," he

M Beregovoy predicted that the final budget deficit would be broadly unchanged from the Fr123 billion deficit announced on Wednesday.

December's current account, seasonally adjusted, showed a Fr6.71 billion deficit after a November surplus of Fr1.25 billion. The deficit on visible trade narrowed to Fr5.72 billion from Fr7.55 billion in November.

Spain's January consumer price data showed a 1.5 per cent rise, pushing the annual rise to 5.9 per cent from 5.5 per cent the previous month, still too high for an early cut

BUSINESS ROUND UP

Chief executive resigns at Linread

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MIKE Hughes, chief executive of Linread, the Birmingham manufacturer of precision components and fasteners, has resigned from the company. A replacement will be announced next week. Peter Tahany, the group's chairman, said Mr Hughes had departed on amicable terms but had not gone to another full-time post. "He has a couple of non-

executive appointments," he said.

Mr Tahany said that Mr Hughes would receive a payment as compensation for loss of office, which would be revealed in the group's report and accounts.

Whitbread to sell

WHITBREAD, the brewing and retailing group, has put a subsidiary that makes gaming and amusement machines up for sale, JPM Holdings has a turnover of £15 million but is only breaking even. The amusement machine industry has been hit hard by the downturn in consumer spending, and Whitbread said JPM is not a strategic fit with its beer, food and leisure businesses. The company is likely to be bought by one of the other machine manufacturers. The business employs 250 people and has a factory in Cardiff.

Triton drops to £2.8m

TRITON Europe, the oil and gas exploration and production group, made pre-tax profits of £2.83 million in the six months to end-November, against £41 million last time. However, last year's figure was boosted by a £34.9 million, exceptional gain from the disposal of interests to Conoco, the American oil company. There is no interim dividend (1p), but the board said it will consider a final dividend for the year to end-May 1992.

Bergesen expects fall

BERGESEN, the Norwegian shipping firm, reported higher profits for 1991 but said it expected net profits to fall substantially in 1992, parity due to higher taxes. "A definite improvement in the tanker market contributed to a solid increase in operating profit," it said. Operating profits surged to Kr857 million (£76 million) from Kr515 million. Bergesen said that operating profits would also "probably be lower in 1992".

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Takeover to refuel **Prestwick** Airport

Airport in Ayrshire, once a safeguard the jobs of more crucial refuelling stop for flights to America, has been taken over by a consortium of Scottish businessmen with local authority backing.

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Holmes Protection plans issue

Holmes Protection, the American security group, is attempting to raise about £20 million via a share issue to ensure its survival. The company, under new management after a boardroom coup in September, is meeting institutional shareholders hoping to secure approval for

its proposals. Holmes, which bills itself as America's sixth largest electronic security and monitor-ing business, yesterday announced losses of \$35.7 million before tax last year, compared with profits of \$5.04 million in 1990. There was a loss of 52 cents a share (7 cents earnings). Again there is no dividend. The London-listed shares were unchanged at 5p.

Losses were struck after exceptional costs of \$30.71 million, including provisions of \$21 million against sub-scriber contracts and \$3.59 million against fixed assets.

TNT to sell

US stake TNT, the Australian international transport group, plans to raise Aus\$400 million (£170 million) by selling shares in TNT Freightways, its American road haulage subsidiary, which will be list-ed in America on the Nasdaq 12.5 million shares at \$19.5 each, TNT's main American subsidiary will continue to own between 20 and 25 per

cent of TNT Freightways. The sale, most of which will be made in America by Goldman Sachs, is part of TNT's debt reduction programme.

Trust down

The net asset value at Trust of Property Shares, the investment trust holding property shares, was 78.43p per share at the end of last year (79.75p). Pre-tax revenue slipped from £136.840 to £127,020 in the year to end-December. Earnings per share dip from 1.550p to 1.443p. A single final divi-dend of 1.432p (1.364p) per share is proposed.

Heath expands

CE Heath, the insurance broking group, has recruited three leading American bro-kers to form Heath insurance Brokers Inc. a new subsidlary, in Dallas. The company will specialise in wholesale surplus lines business.

IBM first

IBM has announced plans for a new family of supercomputers — its first to use a parallel design. Initial delivery of the first entry level machine will would be announced later this year.

Disney staff

Euro Disney SCA, seeking to allay fears that it faces a labour shortage when Euro Disneyland opens on April 12, told shareholders yesterday that it had hired nearly all the staff it needed.

THE loss-making Prestwick E2 million-E3 million, will than 2,200 British Aerospace workers who assemble BAe's Jeistream commuter aircraft

on an adjacent site. It will also ensure the survival of BAe's flying school. which trains pilots for airlines such as British Airways and Cathay Pacific from a base at

the airport.
Prestwick Airport was offered for sale by BAA, the privatised airport operator. Since restrictions which made Prestwick the only Scot-tish transatlantic terminal were lifted in 1990, passen-ger airlines have preferred to use Glasgow or Edinburgh. But there are still about 30 flights a week into Prestwick by transatlantic freight

To safeguard its Jetstream operation, BAe has bought the freehold of its assembly plant and the airport runway from BAA. The runway has been

leased on to Acap, which, in a separate deal, has acquired the freehold of the airport

buildings. George Younger, the for-mer Scottish secretary in whose constituency the airport lies, is chairman of Acap. He sald: "Prestwick International, as it will now be known, has the backing to regain its position as a major transatiantic and pan-European hub."

Mr Younger said commitments by Air Canada and Federal Express, allied to fea-sibility studies, gave him con-fidence that "we will turn round the airport's fortunes in the short term while building towards its long-term

Kyle and Carrick district council has invested £1.5 million in return for a 19 per cent stake. Strathclyde regional council has pledged to pro-vide a £1 million loan, secured against assets.

A spokesman for Acap said the workforce would be reduced from 80 to 55. Former BAA staff would be given priority if they applied for

Prestwick has lost money in each of the past four years. In the year to March 31, 1990, the airport came close to breaking even, but last year provisions pushed total losses

to £5.4 million.

If it is successful, Prestwick International will compete head to head with BAA airports that are closer to Scotand's main population

BAA is investing £60 mil-lion in eight new piers for wide-bodied aircraft at Glasgow, for completion by 1996. Prestwick Airport was opened in 1935. Like Shannon airport, in Ireland, it soon became a crucial re-fuelling stop for transatlantic flights, but the development of the Boeing 707 destroyed

the need for refuelling stops

between London and North

America.



Ready to bid: Chris Wright would have offered shareholders a 40 per cent premium on the current price

the process control group

gave warning that it expected

a "significant fall" in pre-tax

profits for the year to March

Harland, the shares of

which fell from 585p to 253p.

said expected contracts with the late Robert Maxwell's

Mirror Group and Maxwell

Communication Corporation

had not materialised, while

£750,000 of debts from the

collapsed Maxwell empire

had also been written off.

This has resulted in about

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company that offers an on-

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Harland customer, hit sales

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Roy Ashman, chief execu-

tive, said most of the group's

established companies were

trading profitably, albeit at

lower than expected levels.

Exceptions were NEF, a

Swedish subsidiary affected

by a depressed paper industry

and Swedish economy, and

Pro Aqua, an electronic sys-

Mr Ashman estimated that

profits would be about £8.5 million below previous fore-

casts. However, he said the

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dividend of 5.5p. The group

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Chrysalis buyback aborted

By MARTIN WALLER

CHRIS Wright's plans to take private Chrysalis Group, the music publishing and media services business he founded, have been frustrated by opposition from a block of the shares apparently held by American and Japanese

Mr Wright, who has 47 per cent of the group, said in November he was considering making an offer for the outstanding shares at around

the market price of 95p.
Chrysalis said yesterday
that Mr Wright had reluctantly concluded that while he would be ready to make the offer, it would not have secured the necessary shareholder support. Talks be-

Wright had therefore ended. Mr Wright would not say which shareholder had balked at the buyout plan which would have given shareholders a premium of 40 per cent on the current share price of 72p.It is also known that the idea had been received favourably by City

institutions. A 10.5 per cent shareholding is split, however, between Warner Brothers, the American entertainment combine owned by Sony of Japan, and MCA Universal, which is owned by Matsushita It is believed the opposition came from one of

Chrysalis shares fell 9p before recovering to their overnight level of 72p. Mr Wright commented: There are probably shareholders who are upset, having thought that they had an exit route at this price. They are not as upset as I am."

Harland Simon share price halves after profit warning

was making efforts to reduce SHARES in Harland Simon fell by more than half, wiping dependence on large con-E58 million off the market value of the company, after Ingrid von Hentschel, at

Beeson Gregory, has slashed her pre-tax profits forecast for 1992 from £13 million to £4 million, with earnings predicted at 16p per share. ☐ Hungary's government has gained control of Esti Hirlap, a daily newspaper, by buying the 40 per cent stake that was owned by Robert Maxwell. The purchase puts 80 per cent of the shares into the hands of the state-owned Newspaper Publishing Company. No price was disclosed. The remaining 20 per cent of Esti Hirlap, which has a cir-

culation of 60,000, is owned by the paper's employees. The deal is considered part of efforts by the centre-right

government to gain more in fluence in the media. The editor in chief of Esti Hirlap, Denes Maros, announced his resignation a few hours after the purchase was made

known. The paper on Thursday printed a statement by the Hungarian Journalists' Union expressing concern about the government's actions. "Directly and indirectly, the government is using financial and political pressures to increase state participation — thus its own — in the print media," the statement Maxwell's stake of 50 per-

cent plus one share in another daily. Magyar Hirlap, is also reportedly up for sale. It is not trying to buy that as well.

Profits at Hanson fall for the first time in its history

By MATTHEW BOND

HANSON, the industrial conglomerate run by Lord Hanson and Lord White, has reported its first drop in profits in its 29 year history. In the three months to end-December pre-tax profits fell 6 per cent to £226 million.

Despite the drop, the company hung on to its record of uninterrrupted growth in carnings by reporting unchanged earnings per share of 3.9p. But the shares shed 2p to 1974p as analysis took the view that the announcement that Hanson would pay dividends quarterly from now on had provided a one-off boost to earnings per share, by reducing its tax charge.

The change in dividend policy begins in July when Hanson will pay a first quar-terly dividend of not less than 2.75p, rather than an interim dividend which last year was 3.15p. The final size of the first quarterly payment will be announced together with the group's interim profits in May. After the July payment, one more quarterly dividend will be declared before Hanson's September year end.

With Hanson stating that all future quarterly dividends will be at least 2.75p, the total pay-out in a full year should be at least 11p, matching last year's distribution. Bob Carpenter, of Kleinwort Benson Securities, believes the switch will be popular with Americans who are used to quarterly payments. But he is less convinced about its popularity in Briatin. "At a time when a lot of companies are cutting their dividends, the one thing a lot of investors won't want is for the pattern of Hanson's dividends to be disrupted."

Mr Carpenter believes the dividend switch could enable the company to report a 29th year of earnings growth when the full-year results are unveiled. While he is currently forecasting a drop in full-year profits to £1.2 billion (£1.3 billion), he says a 29th consecutive increase in profits is also not impossible. "With the sort of deals that Hanson does, the door is still open for the company to report higher profits as well."

Lord Hanson said the re-

was as yet little sign of any recovery. "The quarter saw a continuation of recessionary conditions both in the UK and the USA which have affected both economies longer than anticipated."

But he was confident for the future: "With our strong balance sheet, excellent cash flow and first class portfolio of well-managed businesses, we shall benefit from forthcoming opportunities."

The quarterly figures include a one month contribution from Beazer, the building products group ac-quired last year, and a full contribution from Cavenham Forest Products, which Hanson swapped for its 49 per cent interest in Newmont Mining in December 1990.

Builder goes £59m into red

BY MARTIN WALLER

CONCITIONS in housebuilding in the South-East have sent Crest Nicholson, the builder with extensive property interests, into a £59.4 million pre-tax loss (£8.1 million profit) in the year to end-October.

The company is paying only a nominal 0.01p dividend for the year to preserve share status under the Trustee Investments Act. Last time a total of 7.65p was paid.

The group was forced to increase provisions to £39.8 million against the plummeting value of land and other assets. But John Callcutt, chief executive, said available bank facilities of £167 million after the renegotiation of banking facilities were more than adequate to meet foreseeable requirements. "These are obviously disappointing results, but we have now grasped the nettle and created a base for recovery," he

Interest payments almost doubled to £12.6 million, but borrowings were more than halved by the year end to £54.7 million.

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Greek arena for new world order

BY PHILLP PANGALOS

THE Greek government will play host to leading political and economic figures from 42 countries at an international conference in Athens entitled "Europe and the Mediterranean in the New World Order".

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, will be among representatives of several international organisations at the April gathering. Invitations have also been sent to Israel and a Palestinian representative.

Virginia Tsouderou, Greece's foreign ministry under secre-tary, said: "The Athens conference ill provide an open forum for debate and frank dialogue on the new challenges that have emerged a year after the Gulf war and the radical changes in central

and eastern Europe." The conference is being organised by the Swiss privately-run Forum Foundation and is sponsored by the Greek foreign ministry. Greece is attempting to

carve out a new international identity; highlighting its economic, political and environmental role in Europe, the Mediterranean and the Black

The aim of the meeting is to promote economic and political contacts and dialogue between the countries and the businessmen of Europe and the Mediterranean basin in the light of international

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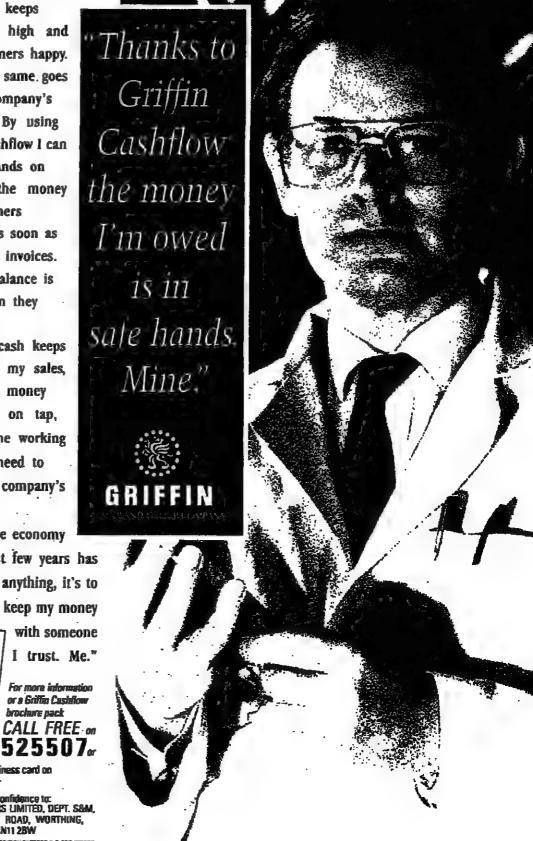


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C&G rises 27% despite bad debt

By LINDSAY COOK MONEY EDITOR

THE Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society increased its profits by 27 per cent last year to £183.8 mil-lion, despite a fivefold increase in its bad debt provisions.

Over half of the closing provisions of £108.4 million came as a result of last year's merger between the Chelten-ham. Britain's sixth largest society, and the £760 million Portsmouth. The C&G had expected to inherit £35 million to £40 million from the deal after accounting for bad debts but instead received £1

In addition, it got an administrative building at poor mortgage book pared



Longhurst: open mino Fareham, Hampshire that would have cost £20 million to build. The Portsmouth's

the C&G's reserves increase to just 24.5 per cent.

The C&G also rescued the Peckham and Walthamstow building societies. Andrew Longhurst, chief executive of the C&G, said he did not want to be involved in any other rescue mergers. Before any other mergers took place the CAG would examine the books of the other society far

In the Portsmouth case, several mortgage frauds came to light after the merg-er. Mr Longhurst added, however, that he did not regret the Portsmouth merger as the C&G now had a profitable business at no cost to itself. Group assets increased by 27.8 per cent to £14.8 billion and lending inbillion. He said: "C&G's perfor-

mance last year demonstrates resilience in a very difficult market. The strength of our business overall has been highlighted by our ability to absorb the mortgage books of weaker societies without draining C&G's resources."

The expense/asset ratio of the society rose slightly to 68p per £100 but still remains about half the average of the top ten societies.

Mr Longhurst said that he was "open-minded" about the society's mutual status. He was happy for it to remain mutual if the restric-tions on wholesale funding

Gases keep BOC's profits buoyant

ONE by one, almost all of BOC Group's main geographical markets have run out of steam over the past two years. The exception to the trend had been the Far in the year as local managers East, where demand remained buoyant. Hence the market's anxiety, expressed as a 15p fall in the share price, at BOC's news that economic growth in the resignificantly from its year-end level of 32 per cent. Analysts believe BOC is gion began to slow during the three months to the end of December. Even so, profits from Asia/Pacific rose from £15.9 million to £18.8 million, helping to push up group profits before tax by 13 per cent, to £80.1 million.

On a constant currency basis, profits were still 9 per cent ahead, an impressive performance given the ab-sence of any help from the economies where BOC has its markets. The company is still operating at capacity rates between 80 and 90 per cent and margins in the cor gases activities are slightly up on the same period last

With the losses from Glasrock, previously running at between £10 million and £12 million a year, now staunched, the health care division saw a substantial improvement, with profits rising by 27 per cent from £18.3 million to £23.2 miltion. The main underperformer in the group is the vacuums division, which has been hit in the UK by the moribund state of the semiconductor industry and in America by the sharp downturn in big capital projects on which it depends.

generally good shape, in part thanks to the harsh lessons learned during the last recession. Capital expenditure is behind schedule at this stage defer investment decisions. but investment could still reach last year's level of £400 million. Even that would put little strain on cash flow and gearing is unlikely to move

capable of maintaining, or slightly increasing, profits for as long as the recession lasts. Forecasts for the full year are bunched in the £360 million to £370 million area, giving earnings per share of at least 46.2p. That puts the shares on a prospective mul-tiple of 13.6. They still rate a strong hold, but economic optimists might prefer the more attractive upside of the rhemicals sector.

Babcock Int

BABCOCK International's £21 million acquisition of the Nordic Consilium bulk handling plant group and the accompanying £33 million share issue were well re-ceived in the City, where Babcock shares rose 2.5p tp

The reason is simple. Lord King, the chairman and Oliver Whitehead, the chief executive, are doing exactly what they have been telling investors they planned to do. They have made a modest but important acquisition that will convert the lonely looking Claudius Peters op-

Solid reputation: Oliver Whitehead of Babcock

eration in Germany into a

This will be able to offer materials handling engineer-ing and design to a wider range of industries in a broader range of international markets, the Consilium companies being stronger in North America and the Far East.

Cannify.

Babcock

difficult heavy engineering industries since Babcock re-

gained its independence. He

March, which would leave its shares selling at about 8.5 times earnings and yielding

Pre-tax profits may rise to £57 million next year, though a higher tax charge would leave little uplift in earnings per share and the lowly rating inveitable in heavy engineering, is also partly due to uncertainties over the effect of peace on the Rosyth dockyard management

The share issue, which allows an extra £12 million to fund development of the new division and stop goodwill write offs weakening the bal-ance sheet, is in the form of a placing by NM Rothschild with clawback for an open offer to shareholders on a roughly one-for-seven basis.
Since it is at 50p, there is a minor informal rights element. Shareholders should not hesitate to apply for their quota of new shares.

Crest Nicholson

THE new team at Crest and commercial property developer with a regrettable exposure to the South-East, is finding it hard to turn the group around. A big clear-out at the time of the interior figures in July, accompanied by the departure of the chief executive, identified a £21 million write-down, £9 million of which came from the residential landbank

have required even heavier

provisions. The final account at the year end contains a £27.2 million exceptional write-down for residential land with Ell.1 million off the value of commercial property. Pre-tax losses of £59.4 million have under-standably left shareholders with a nominal dividend.

The £45 million sale of two commercial properties, al-ready announced, has helped to cut borrowings from £118 million to £55 million. A possibly temporary upturn in the market has boosted the number of houses sold to more than 30 a week, while the provisions already taken have meant Crest Nicholson is making a profit of nearly £14,000, minus interest and tax, on each unit sold.

So much for the good news, which sent the shares op ahead to 37p. The company remains cautious about the current year, warning that those improvements would only mean a return to profitability if there is no significant deterioration in the market. Investors may make up their own minds about the state of the housing market: any improve-ment seen in recent months

Andrew Melrose at Nomura Research Institute is looking for a £5 million pre-tax profit from Crest Nichol-son this year, although he stresses that the eventual outturn could be lower. The company has the benefit of assets per share of 91p after the write-offs, but even this gives little reason in the short term. es little reason to chase it

Dow dips 5 points

New York — American blue chips fell in mid-morning activity as a sell-off in bonds put a lid on a modest advance. The Dow Jones industrial average was 5.59 points lower at 3,271.24.

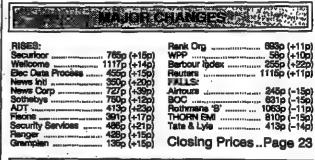
George Pirrone, senior

trader at Dreyfus, said: "We might have a dip because bonds are holding steady on the downside." The ten-year Treasury bond was down 24/32 to yield 7.88 per cent. The stock market concluded that the data is saying business is getting better." he

cent rise in January American retail sales. Economists expected a 0.2 per cent rise. Frankfurt - German shares lost most of their early gains on speculation that Bayer, the chemical firm, could cut its 1991 dividend and that its fourth-quarter profits fell more sharply than expected. The Dax index closed 2.47 points up at 1.681.39. Tokyo — The Nikkei average

shed 0.7 per cent to 21,391 on volume of about 200 mil-





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Brokers cut Tate & Lyle profit forecasts

ers are immune from the effects of recession as Tate & Lyle, the Mr Cube sugar producer, found to its cost with the price dropping 14p to 413p after a number of brokers cut their profit forecasts. County NatWest Wood-

Mac led the way after talking to the company by cutting its forecast for the current year by £10 million to £240 million and for 1993 by £12 million to £268 million. Smith New Court has also reduced its estimate for 1992 by £7 milat the lower end of the range on £245 million, is expected to move soon to lower its

expectations. All three brokers are taking a cautious view of prospects in America where the recession continues to bite hard. As a result of too much sugar and sweeteners being produced, prices have become depressed, puring margins under

The rest of the equity market spent another lacklustre session with fund managers again gripped by apathy because of the uncertain pol-

itical and economic outlook. An early mark-up on the back of another record breaking run overnight on Wall Street failed to attract the buyers. The latest unemployment figures succeeded in confirming that the economy

remains in the grip of

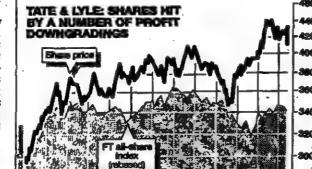
The FT-SE 100 index saw an early lead of 8.5 reversed, but it managed to regain its composure in after-hours trading, closing only 1.1 low-er at 2,522.6. Turnover was slightly more encouraging with 527 million shares changing hands although brokers described business as thin and sensitive.

Government securities attracted selective support closing with gains of almost £10 at the longer end.

The power generators were on claims that they had struck a new deal for British Coal to supply them with fuel at £35 a tonne. National Power lost 5½p at 214p PowerGes 7p at 220p. A denial from National Power came too late to benefit the

lead to finish 4p lower at 1954p after reporting its first ever fall in quarterly figures. Pre-tax profits were down from £241 million to £226 million and Lord Hanson said there was no sign of an upturn. The group is due to address analysts and institutions later today in an attempt to improve its image in

the City.
BP fell 16p to 268p, despite maintaining the divi-dend, as full-year figures re-vealed the impact of a weak



oil price and over supply. Historic net income tumbled from £1.68 billion to £415 million and the group gave warning that world oil prices were likely to remain weak in

the short term. The news from BP also hit

ing 1p to 475p on the back of BP's plight. First-quarter figures from **BOC** Group, the industrial gases group, turned out to be at the top end of market

expectations, but gloomy comments from Richard the rest of the oil sector, still Arjo Wiggins Teape fell 9p to 249p after Williams de Broe, the stockbroker, cut its forecast of pre-tax profits for the current year by £40 million to £215 million. Reports from

within the industry paint a gloomy picture, pointing out that pulp prices have bottomed out but remain depressed, while

paper prices are continuing to fall. WdeB says this is bound to lead to a further squeeze on manufacturing profits. closely monitoring the out-come of Opec talks on production levels in Geneva. Falls were recorded in Enterprise 4p to 419p, Globe Petroleum 2p to 6p, Lasmo 4p to 228p, and British Borneo.

4p to 166p. Only Shell man-

early 14p lead quickly wiped out with the price closing 10p

Pre-tax profits were 13 per cent ahead at £80.1 million compared with market estimates ranging from £73 mil-

admitted that at least 4 per cent of the increase had been attributable, to favourable

CIPTERCY MOVEMENTS. Mr Giordano said the group had seen no upturn in to main markets and the Far East was experiencing a

Thorn EMI was a weak market, losing 15p to 810p on whispers circulating in the Square Mile that the group was prepared to spiasti out about \$1 billion on the remaining 75 per cent of Richcent stake to the Japanese. Thorn has told the City it would like to expand its music

With gearing already up at about 70 per cent, the only way the group could contemplate such a move is via a rights issue, or some other undraising exercise Thorn EMI's share price has enjoyed a strong run in recent weeks, but last week's closure of its Rumbelows electrical chain has forced fund mangers to review their holdings.

24p to 58p after hitting the takeover trail with the pur-chase of Consilium CMH & Bulk, the Swedish bulk materials handling specialist, for £21.4 million. The group has placed 23 million shares at 50p to raise £9.5 million. A

later. Unilever rose 40 to 922p after announcing plans to withdraw from its agribusiness activities. The group is looking for a buyer for the commanded sales of £500 million. Unilever says the withdrawal will result in charges of £60 million in the

final quarter of last year. The biggest fall on the day was in Harband Simon, the electrical group, with the price numbling 332p to 253p after it gave warning that it expected a significant drop in March 31.

The group said two con-tracts with MMC and Mirror Group Newspapers, previously controlled by the late Robert Maxwell, had failed to materialise and would wipe £2 million from overall profits. This, combined with higher interest charges and restructuring costs; would result in a £9 million shortfall on City forecasts of £13 million. Last year, the group

made £10.5 million. Clarke Foods, the USMquoted ice cream manufacturer, is grabbing the attention of City investors with yet another strong rise after a mention in this column vesterday. The price ended the session 21p better at 130p with dealers claiming the next stop is 150p a share.

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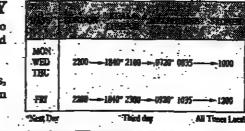


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BP uncovered but unbowed

The decision by BP to pay an increased dividend uncovered by earnings will warm the hearts of chairmen of other companies who find themselves in a similar predicament as the annual results season approaches.

The 4.7 per cent increase to 16.8p a share is a modest one by BP's recent standards. But it was sanctioned against a background of extremely difficult trading conditions in most sectors where BP operates and the company could easily have made a solid case in favour of a maintained or reduced payment.

Instead Bob Horton, the chairman, cites a strong cash flow and the long-term nature of the oil industry. He remains convinced that oil prices will rise in real terms this decade and that chemicals will resume making sensible returns as the economy recovers. But it is also true that BP suffered a net cash outflow of £1.1 billion last year and that trading deteriorated in the final quarter and continued to look uncertain in the opening weeks of 1992. Debt has now reached "a prudent limit."

Mr Horton, however, takes a longer-term view and is sending a clear message to reassure BP's institutional investors. His confidence failed to steady an uncertain market in BP shares, which slipped a further 16 p to 267 p. But fund managers who have relied on a steady income stream from stalwarts such as BP will rest easier as they prepare for more bad news from UK plc.

There will be some comfort for BP today in a small but select survey covering a dozen fund managers responsible for £250 million of investments. They felt in general that a company's share price would benefit from a maintained dividend in difficult times, provided that they were persuaded that the company had not damaged itself. and endangered future growth. The fund managers would, it is clear, have little sympathy for misjudgments which held payments one year and led to a belated cut the next.

The survey, from Warwick Corporate, gives a chillingly clear warning to directors who err on the side of generosity. As one of the managers said, investors will be taking a negative view of a company which over-distributes when it is obvious that the profitability of a company has changed substantially and it calls for fresh capital to finance an unsustainable payout ratio.

More surpluses

s another isunami of a scandal sweeps over A Japan, outsiders can only wonder what it would need to destabilise Japan. The emerging scandal, which links a delivery company, politicians and mobsters, is said to be even a greater threat to the ruling liberal democrats than the shares-for-favours Recruit affair of the Eighties.

Fearful for their future, the liberal democrats have made clear their desire to reverse economic slowdown in Japan with a cut in the discount rate. However, the party acknowledges that Yasushi Mieno, governor of the Bank of Japan, is firmly against premature easing.

Meanwhile Japan's external surpluses continue to astound. Yesterday's trade figures for January showed the 13th successive month of rising surpluses. Last month's surplus was \$3.84 billion;

more than 300 per cent above January 1991.

Fortunately for ties with Washington, the bilateral surplus with America was only \$50 million up on last year. Cheaper oil and slower growth reduced Japan's overall import bill by 3:8 per cent. And, despite the gloomy British outlook, Japanese exports jumped nearly 10 per cent.

THE TIMES

Born-again Nomura puts customers before profit

Joanna Pitman reports from Tokyo on the

change of style at

Japan's largest broker six months after its

public humiliation

ust over six months has past since the public humiliation of Nomura Securities and the resignations of its chairman and president. The scandals in-volved links with gangsters, allega-tions of stock price manipulation and the payment of secret compen-sation to favoured institutional cli-ents. They also resulted in Nomura filling full-page newspaper adver-tisements with protestations of re-morse and promises to brush up its ethics, to reappear as the "born-again Nomura" and to win back the confidence of individual investors.

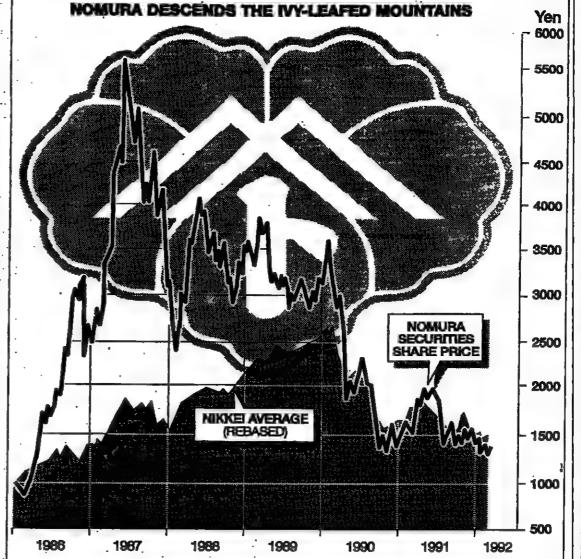
Today. Nomura is still trying to convince Japanese investors and regulators that it is changing its bus-iness style. "Nomura has abolished its old arrogant attitude which led it to believe it could do anything just because it was the most efficient sales machine," Shigeki Morinobu, of the securities division of the finance ministry, said. One of his colleagues added, however: "It may have changed its behaviour, but Nomura is still a very powerful machine. It will not repeat the same faults as before, but it could devise new and more sophisticated ways of getting around regulations."

However credible or otherwise Nomura's stated intentions may sound, the current dark economic climate is forcing it to keep a low profile. Business has been hammered not only by the indignities of highly publicised scandals but also by the collapse of the Nikkei stock average from almost 40,000 at the end of 1989 to about 22,000 today. Stock market turnover has fallen 90 per cent in the same period. Nomura's descent from the ivy-leafed mountain (the firm's emblem) has been even more dramatic (see ac-

companying graph).

In the bumper year of 1987, during the heyday of the bubble economy when stock and property prices were rising daily to historic highs, Nomura made profits of 500 billion yen (£2.2 billion), the highest earnings of any Japanese company. earnings of any Japanese company. But for 1991 profits are expected to shrink to barely one tenth of this. Tomoko Alkawa, of Nomura, said: we are changing our style and our culture. Nomura's long term future depends on our ability to bring back the lost confidence of the individual

Nomura executives are keen to rid the company of its reputation as the bulldozer of the securities industry. During the easy money days of the bull market, Nomura used to be able to place stocks and push the Nikkei index up and down, more or less at will. The head office would pass out instructions on which shares to promote to its army of 5,000 sales men



across Japan and push them on to their hapless clients. If yesterday's unspoken warray was "profits first", today it is loudly proclaimed to be "customers first". The sales executives, who used to be judged and paid on their ability to move shares, are now being evaluated on the performance of their customers' portfolios. Local branches are being given autonomy from head office, and encouraged to sell on fundamental analysis rather than the "stock theme of the week" orders that emanated from head office. "With our whole culture and values changing, there is a considerable amount of confusion among

salesmen. We have introduced new training methods and all middle ance training for the first time, so they know right behaviour from wrong," Miss Aikawa said. Some financial analysts in Tokyo argue that Nomura and other financial firms have sworn to reform their dubious ways many times before, without really ever doing so. "This public contrition is all very well in the current bear market because everyone is treading carefully. But as soon as a bull market comes along

again, we cannot be sure that No

mura will not revert to its old ways,"

a foreign financial analyst said.

would be most undesirable, as the integration between Tokyo and the world's other leading financial markets is too important to permit large through. The chastening events of inconsistencies in regulatory stan-

dards and corporate behaviour. The embarrassment of internationally scrutinised scandals should have increased the will of the authorities to demand stricter internal discipline. Whether it has or not remains to be seen, but, fortunately for Japan's individual investors and for the rest of the world's financial centres. Tokyo's stock market collapse is proving to be a strong medicine for Nomura and the other errant securities companies involved in last summer's scandale.

he ignominy of the scandals and the change in Tokyo's financial climate are forcing Nomura to reorganise its business strategies at just the right time as wholesale market deregulation, promised for years, is apparently round the corner. The finance ministry's Mr Morinobu said: "In the near future Nomura will have to cope with liberalised commission fees. This will be tough for all brokers, particularly small ones but Nomura is definitely strong enough to adjust and revive. In the short term at least, it is going to place more emphasis on retail business because the fees for small investors will remain fixed." Few doubt that Nomura will pull

last summer appear to be pushing the company, still the market leader, towards a more benevolent, strate-gically more rational business style. Its competitors should be more concerned than ever. Few expect Japan ever to see

another bull market to match that of the late Eighties and many investors are forecasting a sluggish market until the middle of the year. Nomura seems remarkably untroubled.

At the root of its confidence in its competitive advantage lies its enormous distribution capability and its formidable financial resources. In the year to March 31 1991, it made a net profit of Y 142 billion just from interest and dividends from its own securities and cash holdings. In the six months to September 1991. when the scandals were at their height, Nomura still made profits of Y22 billion, 64 per cent down from the same period in 1990 but still almost twice as much as the secondranked Daiwa Securities. As Mr Morinobu put it "Nomura is still very powerful. It has very high quality personnel ... and huge financial assets. It may appear to be in a period of transition now, but Nomura will never fail to revive itself."

Greece presses on to private ownership

ndreas Andrianopoulos. A Greece's industry and trade minister, has reaffirmed his country's commitment to liberalise the market and make progress with its delayed but ambitious privatisation programme.

tion programme.

The plan, on which the government has been advised by NM Rothschild, envisages the state retaining a majority holding in utilities. About 67 per cent of economic activity in Greece, involving more than 50 per cent of the workforce, is under the direct or indirect control of the state. of the state.

Among the proposals is the privatisation of about 330 firms, with "visible results" predicted by August. Included in those marked for sale to the private sector, are the Hellenic Telecommunications Organisation (OTE), the Public Power Corporation and Olympic Airways, Greece's national airline. The pro-ceeds will add desperately needed revenues to the state budget.

Sale of a minority stake in OTE Is likely to be along British lines, with more than one tranche on offer. Mr Adrianopoulos suggests a trade sale is possible, but experts feel that an offer for sale is more likely and would be politically more acceptable. A block of about 20 per cent could be offered initially, making it easier for the capital markets to

There has been much speculation that Olympic Airways would enter negotiations with Lufthansa or JAL. the Japanese carrier, but its future is unclear. As with some other priva-tisations, the aim will be to reduce deficit subsidies as well as raising

The privatisation programme is seen in some quarters as too ambi-tious, and is unlikely to make the progress hoped for as the Greek government attempts to follow the British "popular capitalism" path. There are doubts over legal ownership, particularly involving some of the indebted companies that were taken over by state banks.

owever, with a number of international floats in the pipeline, British investors could find the Greek sales interesting. Evricos Sarsentis, European analyst at Schroder Securities, said: There are certainly opportunities to

Greece's New Democracy government, headed by Constantine Mitsotakis, the prime minister, is inflation in 1993 as part of the country's stabilisation programme.

Greece hopes to reduce the public sector borrowing requirement to 3 per cent of GDP by 1996 from the present 14.5 per cent — having already come down since 1990.

Inflation, down from 22.8 per cent in 1990 to around 18 per cent, is the highest in the EC. The current target is to reduce it to 12 per cent by the end of 1992, but it will have to be below 10 per cent before the government can achieve its aim of bringing the drachma into the ERM

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Apt choice of mnemonic

perts — with 100 years experience between them — are coming back from retirement to launch the first independent stock lending consultancy. Peter Wills, aged 60, a longtime partner of Sheppards & Chase, is joining forces with Rex Baldwin, 54, ex-BZW, and Ian Capel, 53, ex-James Capel, to form BCW Stock Lending Consultants. We have an office in the City but we will be doing a lot of work from home," says Wills, deputy chairman of the stock exchange from 1979-82 and then chairman of the membership committee of the TSA. "We will be catering for institutions, intermediaries or borrowers. A lot of them are still very ignorant and a bit nervous about the process and we will offer independent advice. Everyone we have talked to seems to think that it is a very good idea." Stock lending, for the uninitiated, is a method by which institutions lend stock to brokers, to cover short-term positions, in return for a fee ranging from be per cent for gilts to be per cent for equities and up to 2 per cent for overseas stock. "If you have stock in a vault somewhere and you are just holding on to it, why not make more money by lending it," Wills says. One of the institutions sounded out by BCW was the Bank of England. In a post script to his

approving reply, Ian Plenderleith, associate direc-

tor of the Bank, wrote: "I'm

glad you take your mnemonic.

from your surnames and not

your christian names — Rex.

ian and Peter."



Sight-seeing Seelig

ROGER Seelig, looking fit and relaxed now that the ordeal of the Guinness trial is behind him, was spotted lunching at Sir Terence Conran's fashionable new restaurant, Le Pont de la Tour, at Butlers Wharf, London, yesterday. During the meal, he was patted warmly on the back by Conran. The two have long been friends, with Seelig advising Conran over Storehouse and Conran publicly declaring his sympathy for Seelig at the outset of the trial and then, together with Paul Hamlyn, the publisher, standing bail. After hunch, Seelig, who often patronises Conran establishments, took his female companion on a leisurely sight-seeing tour of Tower Bridge and the

Instinctive timing

AT LEAST one main board director of Harland Simon. the engineering group, seems to have impeccable financial instincts. The company yes-terday issued a profits warning, causing its shares to more than halve within a matter of hours from 585p to 253p. As they tumbled, they triggered a bell within the computers of Directus, the Edinburgh research company that charts share deal-ings by directors. Directus had recorded a series of transactions in October, when David Mahony, Harland's deputy chairman, sold 55,000 shares — more than a quarter of his total holding at prices ranging from 670p to 700p. "It was clearly a very wise move," Colin Rogers, of Directus, says. If he had waited until this morning to sell them he would have been £233,000 worse off.

CITY DIARY

BT jazzes up

BRITISH Telecom's sponsorship of jazz saxophonist John Harle - to the tune of £50,000 for a seven city tour and a travelling master class, as part of its Arts in the Community programme will be music to the ears of Mike Bett, BT's deputy chairman. Bett, a jazz enthusiast who discovered Harle and his band when the company sponsored John Dankworth and Cleo Laine's Wavendon all-music festival, describes his musical tastes as "very catholic, particularly trad, late Fifties and early Sixties." Bett's musical career, which began when he played the trumpet and drums in his school band, was cut short by his family's cramped domes-tic circumstances. "We lived in a small flat and my mother said I had to stop it when the

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neighbours complained

about the noise," he says.

Outhwaite settlement is unfair

From Mr M.J. Langton

Sir, I was not, happily, a member of the Outhwaite syndicate but I find the out of court settlement disturbing because, according to your report, the names who remained loyal to their underwriting agents and to Lloyd's will receive no benefit from the settlement and indeed many of them may have to contribute to the settlement as members of the syndicates who wrote the Outhwaite professional indemnity policy.

There has always been a firm and stated principle in Lloyd's that there is complete equity between members of a syndicate, who have to pay their losses and expenses strictly according to their agreed share of the stamp. This settlement appears to make a mockery of this principle and when the full horror of the 1989 and 1990 accounts becomes apparent, I fear that many loyal names

In praise of Scots

From Mr Philip Smith Sir. To Mr Roy Jenkins, I say: thank you for bringing me to my senses.

Having listened to some of the Scots grumbling for the last few years, I had begun to wish they would push off and do their own thing.

I wouldn't really, they are

such a wonderful lot and they uphold, better than most, the British Way, which is still so universally respected and If they did go, we'd probably lose the Queen Mother! Thanks RJ — write some

Yours faithfully PHILIP SMITH. Anderson & Brown Property Services,

may be tempted not to pay their claims until they are sure that they are not going to be put into a disadvantageous position by those wishing to

The Council should have used this opportunity to have its legal responsibility to names and that of the underwriting agents properly tested They now have a clear re-

sponsibility to ensure that there is equity between the Outhwaite names.
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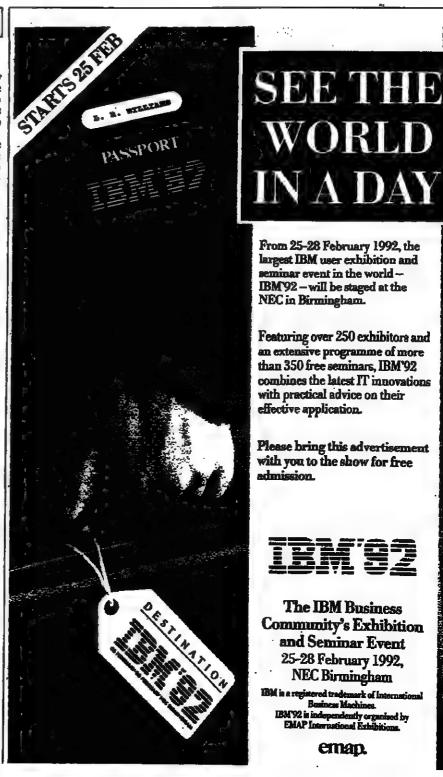
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From the Director General of the British Institute of Management

Sir, Roy Jenkins is misleading readers when he says that the British Institute of Management (BIM) is proposing to drop the word British from

In fact, BIM is proposing to merge with the Institution of Industrial Managers and, if agreed, in November a new Institute of Management will emerge butterfly-like from the chrysalis of both institutes.

Yours faithfully, ROGER YOUNG. Director General. British institute of Management 3rd Floor. 2 Savoy Court, Strand



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CBI licks the small ticket cash problem

LOCAL investment companies (Lics) have been commended to the Chancellor for his coming Budget by the Confederation of British Industry's smaller firms council. It is an idea for providing cash in the crucial "small ticket" range of £50,000 to £150,000 whose time may have come.

This is because it could repair a weakness in the present Business Expansion Scheme (BES) which confers no easy way of ensuring marketability of a small firm's shares and which at the moment largely attracts investment cash into property-related schemes.

It also comes at a time when banks are exceptionally nervous of helping smaller businesses just as financially-extended firms could soon be looking round for extra investment cash to start expanding as and when recession fades.

The idea of the Lics came from the CBI regions and they would operate on a localised basis. The central notion is that investors would be putting their cash into the Lic, not into a specific small business. It would be the Lics which would make decisions on the prospects of growing or new businesses to which they gave long-term loans. So for the individual investor there would be some spreading of financial risk although the CBI argues the degree of risk remaining still de-mands the tax breaks of the BES for the scheme to work.

An investor in a Lic with a good track record should find his shares more readily tradeable when the time came under BES rules to make an investment exit.

The smaller firms council likes the idea that a Lic could be part of an aid package linked with other local support agencies. This could be a local training and enterprise council (Tec) or, where approp-riate, a local enterprise agency or a chamber of commerce.





"I don't care if it was you who sent it - I still want my money!"

New chairs from old tools

HISTORY is being recreated in the Lincolnshire market town of Spilsby. Rob Ley, whose fascination with history is matched only by his love of working with wood, makes chairs, tables, and carvings that had head makes chairs. that hark back centuries.

Mr Ley was born in Yorkshire and has lived in London, but is much more at home in Lincolnshire. Now aged 39, he says: "I am self-taught and have been doing woodwork in various forms for 20 years. I started my business from a love of old buildings and period furniture. I used to be an antique collector, but I found I could not afford really beautiful pieces. So I bought broken pieces dealers did not want, restored, and sold them. By taking objects apart, I was able to see how they were made from tool marks left centuries ago." Mr Levy also started collecting

and restoring old tools. The hobby became a business eight years ago, with furniture and medieval carving produced using the same tools craftsmen relied on centuries ago. He is proud of recreating the Spilsby chair, originally made locally by the Ashton family from 1720 to 1890. The Ashtons made several variations but the basic design has a ladder back and rush seat. The legs are turned on a lathe off centre and then hand-shaped. He says: "I produced the Spilsby chair first, then went on to make various other ladder-back chairs from different areas." Another



Labour of love: Robert Ley turns out another chair in his furniture workshop at Spilsby

speciality is 17th century-style cricket tables. Although they have three legs, Mr Ley says: "They are very stable on uneven ground.
That is why milking stools had three legs — they don't wobble."

Typically, a chair will cost about £150, but represents two to three days' work. Most of his timber is

bought as condwood and is cleaved with a special are and a mallet. The wood is further shaped using an axe with a flat-sided head. Chair bottoms are shaped with an . "I don't make enough money to be adze before finishing, while backsplats are held in a shaving horse, an old-style foot-operated vice. Mr Ley says: "It is an ingenious tool that you don't see any more. I made it myself."

The only concession to modern life, apart from a kettle, is an old electric lathe. Working by hand is just as effective as using modern equipment. Most customers come by word of mouth. Mr Ley admits:

able to advertise. I can work on a piece of wood then find it is rotten inside. That is a day's work wasted. I do not get paid for that day."

If he did have the cash, he would like to buy a workshop with a little land. It would be a wrench, though, to leave his 15 ft by 11 ft, shavings-strewn workshop, part of which pre-dates the destruction of shops and houses in the town centre in 1750.

BRIEFINGS

An appeal to local authorities to use discretion to waive or cut business rate bills has been made by the Federation of Small Businesses. Under the Local Government Finance Act, town halls may cut or remit payments where a ratepayer would suffer hardship.

The federation says that only £18,000 of relief has been granted in the 1990-91 financial year though business ratepayers contribute £15 billion. A survey of 25 authorities showed only one had bothered to tell businesses of the possibility of relief for hardship. The 25 authorities had only 32 applications and only 15 had relief.

☐ There are an estimated 3 million small businesses in Britain according to new estimates from the Department of Employment based on data to the end of 1989. They account for 35 per cent of total employment outside central and local government against just over a quarter ten years before. Business starts in 1991 outnumbered closures judged on VAT registration returns.

☐ A free telephone plus a £125 discount on a Canon fax machine and a 20 per cent discount on a Panasonic answering machine are offered by NatWest Bank to startup businesses opening an account before the end of March. The bank believes that despite difficult conditions new businesses will not fall below the 1991 level of 460,000.

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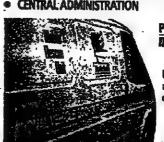
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More raids by software police

Companies are using court orders to stop illegal copying, writes Matthew May

Then seven American software companies used their combined offices of the Mirror Group and Greenwich borough council at the end of last year, they showed their increased determination to prevent organisations copying programs without paying for them. The software companies, includ-ing such giants as Microsoft and

Lotus Development, have banded together to form a group known as the Business Software Alliance. By obtaining powerful Anton Piller court orders, which allow

people to enter premises to seek evidence of civil wrongdoing, the alliance's representatives can turn up unannounced and demand to examine a company's personal computers to see whether any of its software has been illegally copied. Refusal would put the company in contempt of court.
The Mirror Group was raided

by 28 representatives of the alliance. At the end of last month both the Mirror Group and Greenwich council settled out of court and agreed to pay the alliance sums that were not disclosed, although the Mirror Group is known to have paid more.

The publicity from such raids, though muted in the Mirror Group's case because of more pressing problems, is clearly intended to strike terror into other companies that may be using pirated software. Peter Davies, the alliance's vice-president, says that at least half a dozen more raids are planned for this year.

"If you have an office that needs five computers, you do not buy one and steal the other four," Mr Davies says. "Software must be seen in the same light."

Some companies are confused about what is legal as software developers have different rules about how their products can be used. Copying one package may be piracy, while copying another

Alistair Kelman, a barrister specialising in computer law, says: There is still uncertainty and a lack of standards about what people are allowed to do with



Every one a fake: counterfeit manuals flank Bob Hay, an industry "policeman", who wants to stamp out illegal copying of software

may let you take a copy and use it soft's European legal counsel, at home or on a portable computer says: "In Germany, for example, for use when you are out of the office, while others may not.

"If software companies are going to use this approach, then they need to come up with a common set of guidelines on what is fair use, as many people now feel they are at risk.

The use of Anton Piller orders is really acceptable only in cases where it is believed that the organisation concerned will not obey an order from the courts to give the correct information. 1 cannot believe that was true in all the cases in which it has been

The decision to get tougher about piracy in Britain has been possible since the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act came into effect in 1989 and made it clear that copying programs is illegal. Thanks to the act, the powers available in Britain to prosecute those who copy software are among the strongest in Europe. Mr Davies, who is also Micro

says: "In Germany, for example. the courts have said that to be sure a software copyright exists, you must prove very convincingly that your software is sufficiently original to qualify."

Germany's laws, however, are

likely to change as a result of a European Community directive that will give member countries protection similar to that offered ln Britain

The alliance says that the prob-lem, called unofficial copying by the culprits and software piracy by program developers, is costing members billions.

Alliance members claim they lose E300 million in Britain and more than £3 billion in Europe annually because people do not buy the same number of copies of a software package as are in use on

A MORI poll puts the number of illegal copiers at more than two million. Those who privately admit they copy sometimes argue

£500 are just too expensive when they have to equip an office or company with dozens of personal computers, even with discounts for bulk buying.

"We do not think price is a determinant," Mr Davies says. "Some of the most frequently copied packages are often the cheapest." They are also the most

ympathy, however, is often lacking for some software companies, such as Mi-crosoft, which has announced enormously increased profits during a fierce recession that has hit the manufacturers of the computers themselves.
As a result of Britain's tough

laws, all but the most expensive packages are no longer being copy-protected at source to preent counterfeits being made because of the annoyance this can

cause genuine purchasers.
"We think that this is an insult to our customers and the law in the

illegal," Mr Davies says. Software protection is retained for countries, such as some in the Middle East, where software can be copied with impunity. Without protection, however, making a perfect copy of a software package can be easier than photocopying a page of a book.

Some of the worst offenders are the computer-literate, who are naturally inquisitive and always interested when they are shown a new product. They tend to ask whether they can take a copy and try it," Mr Davies says. This can often provide employ-ers with one of their biggest

problems — employees who copy software without their bosses' knowledge yet leave the employer liable to prosecution.

The answer, says Bob Hay, the chief executive of Britain's Federation Against Software Theft, (Fast), is to make clear that such practices will not be tolerated and that copying software must be at least a disciplinary offence.

alliance, its approach is generally more carrot than stick. Fast says it favours education above prosecution, and its measures include offering organisations a free program to check whether they have pirate software.

The free program, which can test for the presence of about 700 of the best-known programs, creates an inventory of what is being used to compare with a list of those that have been purchased properly.

Fast also runs what it calls a corporate membership scheme, to which 18 organisations now belong. For £500 a year, members are provided with software audit support and guidelines for establishing a software policy.

the deterrent effect from the raids. He says: "Following the Greenwich case, I have written to every local authority in the country offering to help in any way we can." So far two have joined the membership scheme — Cardiff city council and Stratford-upon-Avon district council.

Mr Hay wants prosecution concentrated on computer dealers who copy software and pass it on to customers either as an added inducement when selling a personal computer or even with a charge for it. There are also professional copying operations that can even provide near perfect copies of the manuals that go with

the programs.

He says: "This is far too wide-spread, and in many cases users buy thinking they have got the original software package."

Software developers have been helped by the advent of the computer virus. The prevalence of viruses is fiercely debated within the industry. Some experts believe the threat is greatly exaggerated by those selling anti-virus or antidote products.

Those that exist are often spread by introducing an apparently innocuous disc into a computer system. Hence, using a-pirate copy of a software package when nobody really knows where it came from can be dangerous as well as illegai.

Companies cannot protect themselves against offended em-ployees or former employees who can use a special hotline set up by Fast to shop employers they know are guilty of copying software.

Mr Hay says that last year Fast received about 500 calls, 300 of which turned out to be genuine complaints. A stiff warning letter was used to deal with most of the

ONLINE **Birthday** virus alert

COMPUTER experts are saying that the Michelangelo virus has spread widely and will hit millions of computers worldwide on the artist's birthday, March 6. John McAlee, the chairman of the United States Computer Virus Industry Association, who is considered a world authority, says the virus, first found in Sweden and The Netherlands last April, is estimated to have infected five million

personal computers.
The virus spreads via computer bulletin boards or infected floppy disks, and is intended to overwrite computer documents with gibberish. The virus loads itself on to a hard disc and will copy itself on to any program inserted in the computer.

Healthy ticker

A WATCH that can measure blood pressure goes on sale in Japan at the end of this month. "All you have to do is put your finger on the wrist watch for about 30 seconds," says Casio Computer, the



manufacturer. "Two sensors inside will then gauge the blood pressure." The com-pany intends to export the watch, which will cost £80.

Dell settles

DELL Computer has agreed to pay Compaq undislosed damages in a settlement that removes all pending litiga-tion. Compaq sued Dell, in Britain and the United States, over advertisements comparing the two companies machines, which Compaq claimed were false.

• Science page, Life & Times

A brain in charge of water

AN ELECTRONIC brain that will learn when some communities give regular street parties and when others have bought thirsty plants has been switched on by Thames Water.

The "expert system" computer, built to spot and compensate for local patterns and trends in London's water consumption, is the linchpin in the £250 million scheme to upgrade the supply through a 50-mile ring main circling from Ashford Common in the west main circling from to the Lea Valley in the east. At the London Water Con-

where the computer is based, staff expect to manage better the 285 million gallons that will flow daily via the ring from the rivers and treatment works. Sensors, linked into the centre, are being fitted to the new automatic pumping sta-

tions, treatment works and

areas in the network where river water is sucked into the supply. Faults such as burst mains,

faulty treatment works or pumping station break-

APPLE Computer is asking for nearly £2.5 billion from

the software company

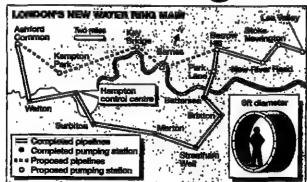
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Matthew May writes.

established by IBM.



downs are relayed through a fibre optic telecommunica-tions cable being fitted alonsgide the underground ring. Electronic coloured maps of the network then flash up, locating the fault and allowing staff to zoom in on, say, a pumping station or even a part within one of the

Meanwhile, the electronic brain is compensating for any breakdown, automatically re-routing supplies via local mains networks.
"We could supply Streatham from Brixton if the

Streatham pumping station goes down by routing through subsidiary mains," says Bill Alexander, Thames Water's technical manager. The computer, which uses software developed during

the past five years by M31 Systems of Longueuil, Can-ada, for the utility company Hydro Quebec, can also in struct treatment works and river water abstraction plants to step up production to compensate for supply to compensate for supply losses, as would be the case after a burst. Mr Alexander says the new

"At our treatment works we have to disinfect the water so that there is enough residual chlorine there to disinfect the mains right up

water more quickly, so we can reduce the amount of chlorine. The water's taste

The new ring system, due for completion in 1996, should also lead to fewer

In the new system, water is moved from reservoirs in the west to the east of London through gravity. Mr Alexander says this means less pressure on local mains

also help to save about £1 million a year in pumping

system might even make the water taste better.

to the washer on a cus-tomer's tap," he explains.
"With the new system we shall be able to distribute the

burst pipes. The older London distribution system involved pumping water through underground mains at high pressure.

networks.
The gravity method should

NICK NUTTALL

Apple claims £2.5 billion

Apple produces the only large range of personal computers that are not compatidows program, which does the same trick for other ble with the de facto standard computers. Apple screen displays were no longer unique. While the rest of the industry copied IBM, Apple sur-Because of this, Apple claims to have lost \$3 billion (£1.65 vived largely because of an innovative picture-based softbillion) in sales, directly because of Windows, and a ware system that used graphfurther \$1.35 billion (£750 ics and icons, making its million) from associated computers easier and more

Microsoft products.

As Apple computers have purely text-based IBM-comcome to be far nearer everypatible computers. body else's, it has had to Since Microsoft produced compete more on price. The the highly successful Win-

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launch of considerably cheaper versions of its computers has increased sales but dented profit margins. Last week the company cut prices in the United States on some of its models by up to 36 per cent in a price war that shows little sign of ending.
The fiercely competitive

market has forced Apple into a curious alliance with arch rival IBM, which has also quarrelled with Microsoft over the development of a new operating system.

The copyright case has been running in the US for four years but Microsoft announced the amount being sought this week only after a legal memorandum received this month from Apple.

Apple said the amount was not neccesarily the formal damage claim that would be presented at the trial but was an expert opinion of what the alleged infringement cost in lost revenues and profits.

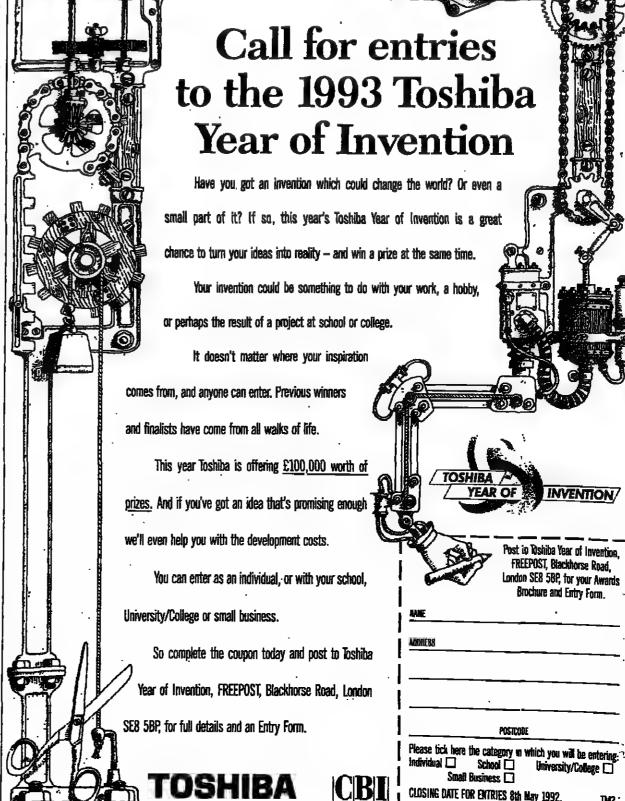
Microsoft and Hewlett-Packard, which is also being sued by Apple, have argued that Apple's claim is insupportable because much of the work was licensed between the companies and was not original to Apple or involves functions not protected by copyright laws. A Microsoft statement said: "Microsoft considers Apple's damage claim to be insupportable and speculative. These Windows products were not copied. They resulted from years of hard work by dedicated Microsoft employees."

Apple is accusing the two companies of stealing original work when developing their graphic-based systems. The whole issue of software companies reproducing the

successful products of their

rivals is murky.

Some argue that only programs that copy the same method of arriving at a particular screen display should be considered guilty, while others claim that emulating the "look and feel" of a software package should be considered a copyright infringement even where the program code used to arrive at the result is totally



RACING

Leicester

treble

for Pipe

team

By MICHAEL SEELY

Kayfaat, Peter Scudamore

continued in sparkling form

at Leicester yesterday when

landing a treble for Martin

Pipe on Terao, Gold Medal

The Oadby three-timer, coupled with the victory of

Diamond Cut at Taunton.

gave a welcome boost to the

Wellington team before

Carvill's Hill goes on trial in

the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Leopardstown on

Scudamore admitted to

having mixed feelings about

travelling to Ireland to ride the Cheltenham Gold Cup and Grand National favour-

"In a way I'm looking forward to it and in a way I'm

nervous," he said. "The pressure's really on. He's already being compared to Arkle and Burrough Hill Lad, but he's

and Milford Quay.

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England must guard against ragged start

prised to see Roumat omitted

from the French side yester-

day, the French always have

talented players in every pos-

ition. If we are not 100 per

cent on top of our game, I

We have had one reminder

of that already this season. If

we play tomorrow as we did

in the first half against Scot-land we are likely to reach

half-time at least 15 points

down. You don't come back

from that in international

1988 cup final but then suf-fered a double fracture of the

left ankle. He was poised to

appear for the French Bar-barians against the New Zea-

landers two seasons ago, but again injury intervened.

There was, though, a posi-tive side to his misfortunes;

his visits to the physiothera-pist brought a chance meet-

ing with an injured skier,

Noelle, who became his wife.

Then his luck turned when

Abdelatif Benazzi broke a

bone in his hand playing for

Agen and withdrew from the

reshaped French squad last

we will get rolled over.

Rob Andrew looks at the challenge

come the dominant power in international rugby, certainly in the northern hemisphere and perhaps the world, is within England's grasp. We are searching for the first time in the history of modern rugby a situation where England are the force in this part of the world. The key is whether a side can put together back-to-back wins of a sizeable margin, whether it can achieve a position of ascendancy and maintain it.

I believe we have taken strides towards this. It began in Paris two years ago, when we won 26-7 with a performance regarded as very efficient. That was followed by the 25-6 win in Wales last

Murrayfield at the start of this five nations' championship campaign. Then, two weeks ago, came the 38-9 win over Ireland.

That is a reasonable start, but unless in the next two to three years we can put together more big wins, especially away from home, we shall not achieve our ambition. You have to do it much more regularly than we have.

There will be a lot of changes in the England side during the next 12 months, and we have to see how the new players integrate. But none can doubt the system is now working better. When you think of the number of players we have to choose from, I believe England should always be a major

facing the England team as it endeavours to become a dominant force in international rugby

world force. There are some good young forwards around and a few decent backs. It will be a matter of bringing them into a system which is

Tackling the French in Paris tomorrow will provide further proof. Some say we are firm favourites to win. but while I concede that perhaps going to the Parc des Princes is no longer so daunting a prospect, it is still a very tough proposition. Even though we were suraway with it in Scotland: to expect to do so again would be asking too much. We may have scored a

respectable 63 points in our opening two matches but the igures may be a shade misleading. There was plenty for us to work on at training this week because even against Ireland, who we ourscored by six tries to one, we lost the hall far too much in the contact situation, conceding the put-in at the scrum or just losing possession. That cannot continue.

This season, under Dick Best, we have trained harder in the build-up to internationals than ever. We have stepped up the amount of physical work and technical preparation. We had a very

night, yet if you go back two or three years, all the backs did on the Wednesday evening before a match was gather for a chat.

The only allusion I wish to make to the World Cup quarter-final against France in Paris last October is to say that I believe the game this weekend has nothing to do with it. We have had some cracking games with France in recent years without any of the trouble we had in the World Cup. I believe the sudden-death pressure of the World Cup brought about those difficulties. But while there will undoubtedly be some hard forward exchanges tomorrow. I see no problems. When you play France, you have to be physi-

cally prepared for a hard confrontation, but plenty of matches against them in my time show that the aggression is usually controlled.

Having Dean Richards back in the side will be combe good to see him there even though that it is the most difficult thing to do.

☐ Interview by Peter Bills

New French recruit to play first game against England

First cap has vindicated van Heerden's decision

FROM DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN PARIS

IF THE South Africans make their scheduled tour to France in October, one of their own will be waiting. Andries van Heerden, once of Stellenbosch but now of Tarbes, will win his first French cap against England tomorrow. He is likely to remain part of the squad that will play two internationals against South Africa in the

Van Heerden, whose mother's family came from England four generations ago,

land centre, has confirmed

that he will be fit to win his

45th international cap to-

morrow against Scotland at

Lansdowne Road. Mullin is

happy that the hamstring

twinge he felt while warming

up for a club game last Satur-

day has responded to

Ireland, who have lost their

two five nation's matches, know that another defeat

would probably condemn

them to the wooden spoon.

former Springbok lock, fol-lows the trend established by his compatriot, Eric Melville, also capped by France in the back row over the last two years. Both men have taken out French nationality and accept France - in van Heerden's case the Bigorre

district - as their home. It was lack of international opportunity that led van Heerden, who was 30 last October, to take the advice of the then Western Province coach. Dawie Snyman, and seek his rugby fortune in the northern hemisphere. Ironically, he wins his cap for his adopted country just when his native country is preparing to re-enter the international fold.

England. "We noted how

Scotland reacted when they

trying to focus on the specific

requirements needed to win-this particular game," Claran

Fitzgerald, the Ireland coach,

said. "We all want to win, but

if you concentrate too much

on the notion of winning it

can affect an individual's

game. We want everyone just

to concentrate on doing his

The Scotland squad

with South Africa it is always a political situation".

Maybe it happens this year, but problems remain," he said. "I have been here for six years, I have learned the French style. Perhaps I might have returned to South Africa but they have many good flankers and No. 8s and nobody would know me, I would

have had no publicity." Van Heerden, 6ft 5in and 15st 11lb, has been chosen for his lineout skills and his pace about the field. Representative honours might have come earlier to a player who did not rise above senior club level before he left the Cape: he played for Tarbes in the

some concern earlier about

Scott Hastings, who had a

swollen ankle, but the swell-

ing has subsided and the

The assistant coach, Doug-

las Morgan, cautioned

land won a lot of good posses-

sion at Twickenham and in

Neil Francis have the best

lineout jumper in the home

centre will play without pro-

tective strapping.

month, leaving a vacancy. "It's important for French rugby that we play well on Samrday," van Heerden said. and Pierre Berhinier has imprinted on our minds that we Mullin's injury has cleared are not going out for a battle of glants, a boxing match. We squad watched a video of trained for almost two hours Scotland's match against at Murrayfield before flying are going for a game of rug-by, we want to play the ball. My main problem, I at Murrayfield before flying to Dublin. There had been

think, will be the emotion of Parc in front of 50,000 people. It happened at the cup firial but this is an international and I know I have to concentrate from the start."

The air traffic controller from Tarbes airport, which serves among others as the landing ground for pilgrims heading for Lourdes, has finally brought lift-off to his



Training partners: van Heerden, right, and the France captain, Sella, yesterday.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Welsh Cup would be

prized at Colwyn Bay

BY WALTER GAMMIE

Seventies, with Welsh FA

blessing, as talented footballers from Merseyside and

Manchester, seeking their fortune on the "gold coast" of North Wales, raised stan-

dards. They lead the first divi-sion of the HFS Loans

League, having been promoted last season from the Bass

North West Counties League.

to go into the League of Wales," Alan Banks, the Col-

wyn Bay secretary, said. "We

believe it would lower our

standards and we cannot aff-

ord to travel down to South

do that, we wouldn't have a

team to play in Europe. The

Guiseley, the holders.

moved into the quarter-finals

of the FA Vase by beating

Edgware Town 4-0 on Satur-

day, with lan Noteman scor-

ing two goals for the third

round in a row. Gordon

Rayner, the Guiseley manag-

er, fears Sudbury Town most

of the remaining clubs.

English dubs."

"We are just not prepared

Time running out for Fairbrother and DeFreitas to prove fitness for World Cup

Injuries frustrate England

FROM ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

A WEEK before they begin their World Cup programme. England will once again be prevented from fielding their best one-day side when they complete the three-match series against New Zealand at Lancaster Park tomorrow.

Injuries to Phil DeFreitas and Neil Fairbrother, which initially seemed minor interruptions, are now a serious frustration both to the team and the individuals.

DeFreitas has at least had plenty of cricket on the tour, but the reluctant recovery of his eroin strain is more of a worry to the tour management than it cares to admit. England's senior seam bowler saw a consultant yester-day, and was advised that further rest is neccesary. But time is beginning to run out

If, as expected, he is obliged to miss tomorrow's game, he has only one remaining chance to test his fitness before the World Cup party must be officially lodged with the organising committee in

Australia. That will come in Sydney next Tuesday, when a full-scale practice match has been organised in which all 14 members of the England squad are scheduled to play. This is also the target for Fairbrother, who has been in New Zealand seven weeks but has batted only four times, the last occasion five weeks

Fairbrother, a model tour player, has waited with patient good humour for the opportunities which were always likely to come his way once the itinerary returned to limited-overs cricket. He would have played in both of this week's one-day games but, irritatingly, strained his side in the unfamiliar act of bowling in the nets.

He must by now have reached the stage of not knowing if he is in or out of form. Although he would fea-ture in England's strongest side, probably batting at No. 5, it will be as much of a risk to pitch him straight into next Saturday's first Cup fixture, against India, as it will be to name DeFreitas in the squad with the fear that he might break down again.

This latter concern undoubtedly influenced the declsion to reinforce the bowling strength from outside the original selection. Gladstone Small arrived here yesterday, surprised but relieved to be back with England after an anonymous

Small makes no bones about how disappointing his own performance was in Australia last winter. "At the end of it I was mentally and physically fatigued from 14



Fairbrother: patient

months' cricket," he said. "You can always get over physical things, but the menstart of the home season I was not looking forward to my

"I got to the stage where I wondered if I was even good enough to get into the War-wickshire side."

Experience of the one-day game won Small his chance at the end of a winter in which his preoccupation has been his benefit year, and his only cricket the indoor variety. He says he is fit, however, and he is likely to go straight into the England side tomorrow, providing he comes through his first net session today satisfactorily.

With this series already won, there is limited competitive interest in the last match, and England will inevitably use it to test out some of their

World Cup strategies. Flexibility is the keyword of this side and there may well be changes in the batting order tomorrow, one likelihood being that Ian Botham will open the lanings, a role he will fulfil in some, but not all, of the Cup programme.

Ill Hegg pulls out of A tour

WINNING the Welsh Cup would be sweet for Colwyn ANOTHER change to the England A party that leaves for Bermuda and West Indies Bay, who reached the semifinals by beating Wrexham 3-1 at the Racecourse on Tuesday became neces-Ground on Tuesday. It would sary yesterday when Warren Hegg. the Lancashire be a defiant gesture to the Welsh FA, which has won its wicketkeeper, withdrew after fight with Welsh non-League contracting glandular fever (Richard Streeton writes). clubs over withdrawing their entitlement to play in English Steve Rhodes, of Worcestershire, who has been playing An independent appeal board found that only Merclub cricket in Perth, Western

Australia, replaces Hegg.. thyr. Tydfil, of the GM Rhodes, aged 27, narrowly missed selection for the A tour in the first place. He has been with both previous A tours, as well as with England B to Sri Vauxhall Conference, should be allowed to stay where they are. Newport AFC and Barry Town, of the Beazer Homes League, Caernarion, New-town, Rhyl. Bangor and Col-Lanka in 1985-6. The selectors may have felt they knew wyn Bay, of the HFS Loans as much as they needed to League, were advised that about his ability. they should switch their alle-□ New Plymouth: A superb

giance to a newly established catch late on the second day League of Wales. denied Carole Hodges, the The Weish FA initiated the England basman, her centu-League of Wales to secure ry in the third and final womanother path to European en's Test match against New Zealand here. Hodges and competition outside the Wendy Watson put on 126 country's identity before Fifa. for the second wicket. the game's governing body, SCORES: New Zopland 142 England 228-7 (W Websen 70, C Hadase 98). in face of other countries covetous gaze at the separate representation of the home

Colwyn Bay had left Welsh

countries in international

forting. He offers such physical and mental strength, he is a grand character, so it will again. It is hard on Tim Rodber, but Geoff Cooke has often changed winning sides

We shall look carefully at where to attack the French just as we did the Irish. But if we win, it will have required enormous hard work and concentration. Nothing less

still got a lot to prove." Surprisingly the champion jockey is still seeking a first victory over the Leopardstown tences. Recalling a previous visit. Scudamore said:

"I once tried to take a short cut from the second last on Lastofthebrownies, missed some dolls, won the race but was disqualified. Scudamore, showing all the thoroughness that has seen him win the title seven

times, sought the advice of Albert Butler, the Leicester groundsman, before riding erao in the opening Oadby National Hunt Novices Hurdle Taking Terao away from

the rails on the far side of the course and then crossing over straight, Scudamore brought his mount home a 25-length winner from This Neale Danger. Explaining his manoeuvre,

Scudamore said: "I always ask the groundsman where the best going is. The only reason you heard about it today is I asked Chester Barnes [Pipe's assistant] to do

The best performance of the afternoon was put up by Henry Mann, who beat Ryde Again by a decisive two-and-a-half lengths in the Wren

This victory, after an abfeat of training by Simon Christian with a horse who was good enough to win the Coral Golden Hurdie final

under top weight. "He's always been a good horse but he's had leg prob-lems," Christian said. "The present objective is the Carbcart at Cheltenham. But if he's all right and we're feeling greedy, we could go for the Timeform Chase at Haydock first."

Sirrah Jay on course for Aintree

SIRRAH Jay earned a pos-sible tilt at the Grand National when notching his fifth success of the season in the three-runner Londesborough Handicap Chase at Sandown vesterdav.

The 6-4 favourite's task was made considerably easier when Nodform, who beat him at Chepstow two weeks ago, took a crashing fall in front of the stands. . Josh Gifford's gelding

"What we want to do is win cleared the fence with plenty the league, the league cup to spare, but landed clumsily. and the Welsh Cup, but if we It looked a bad tumble but both horse and rider Richard Dunwoody escaped unmanager and players have all said they will leave and join

Sirrah Jay maintained a healthy lead over his other rival, Clara Mountain, for the remainder of the race and never looked in danger. The 12-year-old is leased by

John Gale, who said: "We'd like to take Sirrah Jay to Liverpool. He looks the right type for the National but his trainer, Toby Balding, will have the final say." Sirrah Jay, set to carry 9st

3lb at Liverpool, is a 40-1 chance to give Balding a third National success Two of Sirrah Jay's wins

were wiped out by the mix-up over Adrian Maguire's claim. New York Rainbow completed a treble in impressive style when quickening smoothly to beat Mountain Kingdon by two-and-a-half lengths in the Village Novices Hurdle.

Nicky Henderson's sevenyear-old is likely to have one more race before his main target, the Trafalgar House Supreme Novices Hurdle at Cheltenham.

"He's quite a stuffy horse, so this run has done him good and I'll probably run him again at Kempton next week," Henderson said.

White is the swinging colour of the moment

IN ADELAIDE

THE white cricket ball has become something of an oddity. When it came into being, with the introduction of night cricket, it was reckoned not to swing anything like as much as the traditional ball. Now there are times when it swings so much that it is difficult to

control. After seeing how much work one of his own opening bowlers, Meyrick Pringle, got on a white ball here on Wednesday, Kepler Wessels, who will be captaining South Africa in the World Cup, said that he saw prob-

be kept in check. He quotes Alan Border as saying that because of the hazards now associated with playing the white ball early in an innings, Australia are intending to set targets of 45 or 50 runs after 15 overs rather

than of 60, as they once did. What seems to have happened is that to give the white ball more chance of keeping its colour and also of swinging, its makers have taken to applying more lacquer than they did. There are also two balls in use in the same innings, one at each end, which allows the sheen to last longer. The balls are also wiped clean by

the umpires at the end of each over. ball swings always, or for everyone. At Perth last Suneach over.

Despite that, in an averagely wet English summer more like half-a-dozen white balls would sometimes be needed, as they are in a game of hockey, if they were not to become practically invisible. They would like to play some first-class Shef-field Shield cricket at night here in Australia. But that would mean using only one ball, and a single white one would soon become discoloured, a red one could not be seen and when an orange hall was experimented with

suitable. Not even the new white

it was not considered

day, Alderman and Reid for example, swung it much more during the afternoon than the same Meyrick Pringle did when the sun was going down at around 7 o'clock. In Adelaide on Wednesday, bowling in the afternoon, Pringle and Snell swung it much more than the local bowlers had earlier in the day. There will still be times, I fancy, even with the new white ball, when some of the medium-pacers in the

like cannon fodder. Already it is evident, from

World Cup are made to look

going to be when it comes to judging wides. Australian umpires, per-

haps because so few of them have played the game to any sort of level, seem not to realise that the ball sliding away down the leg side is infinitely harder for batsmen to get at than one corre-spondingly wide of the off stump. All being well, though, interpretation, even if it varies from end to end, will be the same for all sides. WORLD CUP UMPRES: P J McConsult (Aut), S G Rendet (Aut), B L: Alchdige (AC), S J Woodwest (NC), D R Stepherd (Srg), P D Reports' (Inde), (Arcer Hayet (Peld, K Eustenberg (MA), D P Buutjene (Sn Lentes), S N Bucknor (W Indian), I D Rubinson (Zinto).

FA VARE CHARTER-FINALS: Guserley v Evestrem United: Diss Town v Newcastle Town or Windorns: West Midlands Police v Sudbury Fown, Chaldasy v Bamber Bridge Ties to be played on Retruery 29. League football in the late

POOTBALL GM Vauxhall Conference Stafford v Yeovii (8.0).....

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATIONS MARP LAGER FAI CUP: First round: Schappane v Bluebell. SASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Pirst division: Great Herwood v Afherion U.L.

RUGBY UNION Representative match Insh Students v Scottish Students

Club matches · · · · Askeans y Streatham C'don (7.30) Blackheath v Bath (7.30)..... Bristol v Gloucester (7.15)..... Coventry v Northampton (7.15)... Kelso v Metrose (7.0).... Musselburgh v Stewart's Met (7 0)

RUGBY LEAGUE YOUN(GERS ALLANCE: Riss division:
Oldnam v Castelord (7:30) Second
division: Sention v Keighley (7:30).
Challenge Cup: Second round:
Huddersileid v Featherstone (7:30):
Ryedale v Wigen (8:0), Sellord v Widnes
(7:30)

OTHER SPORT SNOOKER: Regal Watah Open (Newport LC).

3.20 KILMANY CUP (Handicap chase: £2,723: 3m) (6)

1 1324 IDA'S DELIGHT 34 (D,F,G,S) J Charlion 13 12-0

2 5040 TARYAN TAILOR 27 (D.F.G.S) G Richards 11-12-0

3 3111 CORNET 55 (V.C.F.G.S) Denys Smith 6 11-5 C Grant 4 25U0 KIRSTY'S BOY 83 (D.F.G.S) Mass L Perrett 9 11-5

G McCourt

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94 Cornet, 3-1 River House, 4-1 Ida's Delight, 5-1 In The Fashion, 7-1 Tartan Tailor, 10-1 Kiraty & Boy

1 1242 SILK DEGREES 34 (BF,F,G) W Storey 6-11-12 K Doolan

2 11-F POLAR REGION 97 (D,BF,F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-7 M Dwyst CASE 8 IS N H Festerby 7-11-5. L Wyer

4 //-0 SPROWSTON BOY 20 (9,5) Mass L remains (1 MicCourt
5 1011 MONARU 27 (F,G) Mrs G Reveley 5-10-11 P Niven
6 44FP FIEFDOM 34 (F,G,S) W Storey 12-10-6 K Dusten
6 10-3 J Cestaghan
8 10-10 CORTISH GOLD 10 (0,F,S) Miss L Perrott 8-10-0
9 31/ FETTUCCINE 683 (F) W A Stephenson 9-10-0 C Gran
10 3/0- TREBONKERS 447 (C,D,F,S) Miss L Perrott 6-10-0
LOTHers
10 3/0- TREBONKERS 447 (C,D,F,S) Miss L Perrott 6-10-0
LOTHers

11-4 Monaru, 7-2 Poler Region, 9-2 Scottish Gold, 6-1 Sit Degrees, 8-1 Carousel Calypso, Stated Case, 12-1 others

1 16-1 PADDY HAYTON 6 (D.F.G.S.) S Leadbetter 11-12-7 Striets (5) 2 B- ASHVALE 340 R Bartiett 8-12-0......................... R Robinson (7) 3 R26- DEEP SPARTACUS 297 W A Stephenson 8-12-0

4 121/ NEWLIFE CONNECTION 1350 (D.F.G.S) S Pittendrigh 13:20 Mr S Pittendrigh 5 0P-5 WESTWARD DRIFT 137 F. Jostin 7:20, ... H Firmagin (7) 8 PO- HOSSYS GRU. 283 Mas S Pette 7:118,.... P Johnson (7) 7 38- MEADOW GREEN 312 Mrs M American 11:118

8 F/P- PALMAHALM 258 K Anderson 10-11-9... K Anderson (S

Paddy Hayton, 5-2 Palmahelm, 7-2 Deep Spartacus, 6-1 wife Connection, 14-1 others

4.50 LEVY BOARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,334: 2m) (15)

4.20 FIFE HUNT CLUB CUP

(Hunter chase: £1,145: 3m) (8)

3.50 MUSSELBURGH STAYERS

HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,093: 3m) (10)

Leicester * treble for Pipe team

TEBRUARY B.

Gambling Royal can extend winning sequence to five

WITH David Barons's horses beginning to find their form at long last it will be interesting to see how Seagram fares when he contests the Kiss 'N' Cuddle Handicap Chase at Sandown today.

So far this season, the winner of last year's Grand National has had only two races, neither of which have exactly raised hopes that he is on course to give a repeat performance at Liverpool at the

beginning of April. To be fair to Seagram, though, there were valid excuses on both occasions. First time out at Cheltenham he injured a foreleg when slipping into a fence and that inevitably led to time off. When he did finally reap-

pear at Warwick midway through last month, his stable was going through a bad patch that has been blamed on too high a nitrate level being detected in a delivery of

hay.
On that occasion, Seagram could only finish fifth behind Woodgate, beaten so far that it was simply too bad to be

While he is not a big horse to be shouldering as much as 12 stone, I still expect to see

MANDARIN

TRAINERS

MANDARIN 2.10 La Percet.

3.45 Direct.

GOING: GOOD

2.40 Ebony Swell. 3.15 Steveadon.

Brian Beel: 4.15 Corrarder.

(£1,618: 2m 80yd) (9 runners)

2.00 Wakashan

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

him run a deal better without managing to give 24lb to Gambling Royal whose improvement this season is such a fine testament to the skill of his trainer David Nicholson. A fifth consecutive victory looks on the cards here.

Earlier in the programme, Nicholson will saddle Al Hashimi for the Hearthrob Handicap Chase under top

It also says something for horse and trainer alike that this eight-year-old continues to hold his form even though he has been tubed and hobdayed besides having had soft-palate and tie-back Last time out Al Hashimi

was runner-up to Edberg over today's course and distance. Now it remains to be seen whether he can do any better against Elfast, who is also overdue a victory after a consistent but winnerless John Webber, Elfast's

THUNDERER

2.00 Al Mutahm.

trainer, also has a good chance of winning the Blind

RICHARD EVANS

3.35 Rafiki.

Date Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle with Red Ring. Significantly, he has snapped up Adrian Maguire to ride this five-year-old who was a good third behind Jeassu and As Good As Gold at Warwick recently.

The Sandown programme begins with a look at Wakashan, who has been backed at long odds to win the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham, making his jumping debut in the St Valentine's Day Novices' Hurdle,

A one-time leading fancy for the Derby last year when he was trained by Henry Cec-



Webber: double prospects with Elfast and Red Ring

23.8 21.7 16.8 15.8 14.3 13.8

RICHARD EVANS

S Curren (7) . W Worthington 93 J A Harris © 99

..... N Willemson (7)
J Twomey (7)
D Gallegher
D Teller

4.45 Druso.

Racegoers back Sunday

move BY MICHAEL SEELY PROFESSIONALS yester-

present trainer Kevin Mor-

fortable victory at Newmar-

A workout at Towcester

after racing on Tuesday con-

vinced Morgan that Wakash-

an is now ready and able to

do himself justice again and

he is narrowly preferred to Absalom's Lady, who has also

been entered for the Triumph

after winning by six lengths

Copper Mine is napped to continue his winning ways by landing the EBF Sweetheart

National Hunt Novices' Hur-

dle qualifier at the expense of

the Nicky Henderson-trained

Current Express who showed a degree of promise in two bumpers last season when

Having trounced Jodami at

Ascot nine days ago, Danny Harrold should be capable of coping with Buck Willow in

3.35 EBF SWEETHEART NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

FORM FOCUS

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Appeal horse has back problem

believes the horse must have felt the nishes his reputation, Bradley has pain before Bradley pulled him up in a claiming chase at Southwell last

(Qualifier: £2,425: 2m) (10 runners)

trained by Sally Hall.

at Fontwell in December.

ket first time out last spring.

gan for only 4,000 guineas, his legs having continued to give trouble following a comday welcomed the results of a survey conducted by The Sporting Life which showed that 69 per cent of racegoers are in favour of Sunday

racing. Nick Lees, clerk of the course at Newmarket and Leicester, said: "It's got to come. I can see it being a tremendous success at tracks like Newmarket in high summer. Our Friday evenings already attract bigger crowds than at any other time except for 2,000 Guineas day and Champion Stakes day. "They draw in a different

section of the community. They are special occasions and I can see Sundays being just the same."

Peter Scudamore, the reigning champion National Hunt jockey, is also a strong supporter. "It's good to see so many people in favour," he said. The leisure market is so competitive and racing has got to get up off its backside if

the L'Amour Novices' Chase, especially as the latter has it wants to get its share of it. been bitterly disappointing in "I'm also glad to see the Jockey Club taking the initia-tive as in the past they've let so his two races since winning convincingly over today's course and distance in the many opportunities slip by."

ment in Wincenton (3rs 1f., good) herdices chees with FARMERA BOY (11th better oil) 20%1 UL. GAMBLING ROYAL completed four-timer when beating 25th's Lad Si in Seunor Wetherby (3m 100yd, soil) handices chees, Previously best Trusty Friend 25 in Seunors Stration (3m 2f, good) handi-

NATEON EURER

MANDARIN

1.45 Gymcrak Stardom. 2.15 Grey Minstrel. 2.45 Good Profile. 3.20 Cornet. 3.50 Polar Region. 4.20 Paddy Hayton. 4.50 Free Native. THUNDERER

1.45 GYMCRAK STARDOM (nap). 2.15 Grey Minstrel. 2.45 Good Profile. 3.20 Corner. 3.50 Stated Case. 4.20 Palmahalm. 4.50 Steel Congress. Richard Evans: 1.45 RAPID SLANE (nap). Brian Beel: 4.20 Palmahahn.

GOING: GOOD

1.45 JIMMY MURPHY MEMORIAL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,928: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

1 112P WEST WITH THE WIND 13 (D,F,G) G Moore 5-11-12 2 15 POSTAGE STAMP 34 (CD,G) J Pearce 5-11-12

3 111F CHARLOTTE'S EMMA 86 (D,F,G) Mm J Goodlelow 5-11-9 8 Storey 4 1113 RAPID SLANE 90 (CD,F,G) W A Stephenson 8-11-9

2.15 HOWGATE MAIDEN CHASE

(£2,015: 2m) (15) 9-4 Grey Minstret, 9-2 Silver Hello, 6-1 Hot Performer, 7-1 Dinsdele Lad, 8-1 Dickle's Gin, Vinchage, 12-1 others,

2.45 HARCROS SCOTTISH JUVENILE HURDLE (Qualifier: \$1,945: 2m) (4) 1 1111 GOOD PROFILE 20 (CD.G.S) G Moore 11-8 M Dwyer 2 POU CHIEF RADER 49 W A Stepheneon 10-12.... C Grant 3 S FAMILY LINE 6 May L Perrati 10-12..... L O'Hara 4 (2 TOP-ANNA 132 (BF) Mas L Pentati 10-7... G McCourt 4-8 Good Profile, 3-1 Top-Anna, 8-1 Family Line, 12-1 Chief Raider.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: T Fairharst, 2 winners from 5 runners, 40 0%; Jamm Fitzgenid, 16 from 47, 31,9%; C Thornton, 5 from 15, 31,3%; W Storey, 3 from 12, 25,0%; Mrs G Reveley, 15 from 66, 22,7%; Denys Smith, 10 from 48, 20,8%. JOCKEYS: Mr K Anderson, 2 winners from 4 rides, 50.0%; G McCourt, 18 from 61, 35.3%; Mr S Swiers, 3 from 62, 33.3%; Mr S Swiers, 3 from 63, 32.5%; P Nivers, 25 from 102, 24.5%; C Grant, 14 from 63, 22.2%.

the Newcastle Building Society Handleap Chase at Newcastle tomorrow.

MANDARIN 1.50 Malenoir. 2.20 Lara's Baby. 2.50 Saladan Knight. 3.25 Mad Militant. 3.55 Amphigory. 4.25 Pesidanamich. THUNDERER

1.50 Bridge Player. 2.20 Lara's Baby. 2.50 Selecian Knight. 3.25 Bassio. 3.55 Riviera Rainbow. 4.25 Quinzii Martin.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 5M-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.50 SEALED WITH A LOVING KISS HANDICAP (E2,402: 1m 8f) (16 runners)

1 2-54 CHRONOLOGICAL 18J (V,CD) M Tempiuns 6-10-0 2 21-1 BRIDGE PLAYER 14 (CD) D Molfatt 5-9-

2 21-1 BRIDGE PLAYER 14 (CD) D Morian 5-9-10
3 0921 MALENCIR 7 (V.C) W Paerce 4-9-5 (sed) D Nicholds 6
4 463 UNPAD MEMBER 7 (S) J Wherlon 69-2 J Penning (6) 11
5 300- BRAUMODD 27/J BS-FG SC, Tinker 69-1.... M Brich 15
6 695- DALE PARK 29 (S) N Tinker 69-0.... M Im Tinker 3
7 49:10 MSSSSSPP BEAT 6 (V M Maughton 69-0... B Dolye (5) 8
8 9-08 BEDOURN PRINCE? (C) C Beerer 5-9-11....... M HRs 16
9 -532 AUDE LA BELLE 10 Ms A Knight 4-9-11... D Brogs (5) 12
20 0-94 DONT CRY 20 J Bethel 4-9-1... W Pryen?
11 49-0 PLITCHAM 14 (G) J Bestoct 5-9-7... F Rotton (5) 13
13 590- NORFOLK LASS 144 M Poe 4-9-4... F Rotton (5) 13
14 590- GREY COMMANDER 23 (10) M Britten 4-90... G Carter 1
15 04- BALLETINA ROSE 7-1J O Chief 57-11... N Adems 9
11-4 Missenyer. 7-2 Chronoloscale 9-2 Bridge Player. 8-1
11-4 Missenyer. 7-2 Chronoloscale 9-2 Bridge Player. 8-1

2.20 CUPID CLAIMING STAKES

(£2,382: 1m 4f) (12) 1 -SS1 LE TEMERARRE 7 (D.C.F) N Tinkier 69-8 Kim Tinkier 9 2 DOS- NORTHERN VISION STJ (G.S) P Blockley 5-9-4 J Dennie (7) 8 J Dennis (7) 8
3 000- UN SCUVERAIN 41J M Chupman 4-9-0
S D Williams (7) 10
4 1-12 LARA'S BABY 21 (CD) R Abshurd 48-10 ... R Cochrung 5
-133 QUALITAIR BLAZER 10 (CD) J Jenkins 5-9-10
S Williams 15-10

5-2 Lara's Beby,7-2 Kirby Opportunity, 4-1 Le Temerare, 6-1 Qualitair Blazer, 8-1 Little Flad Hen, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

2.50 LOVE CHANGES EVERYTHING HANDICAP (£2,147: 6f) (9) 1 12-4 FRIENDLY CLAIM 21 (CD,F,G) T Barron 4-10-0

☐ Brian Storey rides Moment Of Truth, trained by Peter Monteith, for the first time in

2 020- CORN FUTURES 108 (D.S.) J Leigh 4-52 A Culture 1 3 3-84 TOSHIBA COMET 13 (B.CD.F.Q.S) W Pasere 5-9-1 4 450- GOODY FOUR SMOSS 120 CD TO Nichols 7 4 450- GOODY FOUR SHOES 130 (F) D Tucker 48-7 5 9231 SALAURY PROPERTY 18 (C) D Chapman 4-5.5 J Farming (3) 6 J Farming (3) 6

7 900- MCSSY ROSE 115 (CD,6) Lord Huringdon 6-6-1 8 0-20 SWINGING LADY 28 W Haigh 4-77 - D Biggs (3) 5 9 00-0 MINIZEN MUSIC 28 (F) M Brittem 4-7-7 D Wright (7) 2

5-6 Saladan Krught, 3-1 Tochiba Comet, 5-1 Frendly Clam, 8-1 late Governor, 10-1 Swinging Lady, Com Futures, 12-1 others.

3.25 SWEET NOTHINGS CLAIMING

1 3-41 BASSIO 7 (CD.F.G) C Allen 9-4 . . Mick Denaro (7) 4 2 0-12 EARLY STAR 7 (CD.BF) 1 Borron 9-2 Alex Greaves 1

3.55 PILLOW TALK MAIDEN STAKES

(£2,186: 1m) (10)

2 3844 BUDOY'S FRIEND 5 R Wilsoms 4-8-11. M Hits: 1 340- MARTINI'S COURSER 123 R Berl 5-8-11 R Weisser 14 8-84 PORIGK 7 (V) D Morfast 4-8-11.... Darren Morfast (7) 1 32-4 ROVIETA RANDOW 10 0 Enswire 4-11 W Newship 6 8-09 SAREEN EXPRESS 10 (B) Mrs. J Davis 4-8-11. J Papories (3) o e-sa SAMEER EAPPLESS 10 (5) MTs J Daws 4-9-11
Figuring (8) 8
7 000- DAISY GREY 8J (5) A Reid 4-6-6. K Rutter (7) 7
8 000- ORICHANDA SUJ Mits A Knept 4-8-6. B Biggs (5) 1
9 40-0 REPLICATE 24 M Charles 4-8-6

2-1 Amera Reinbow, 3-1 Amphigory, 4-1 Buddy's Friend, 8-1 Porick, 8-1 Sereen Express, 14-1 Orchands, 18-1 others.

4.25 SAY IT WITH ROSES HANDICAP

7 000- CHAPLING CLUB 101 (B,F,G,S) D Chapman 128-5 K Darley 11

8 500- THATCHENNE 25J (B.O.F) P Hedger 7-8-6 A Tucker (6) 3 9 000- SPANISH REALM 129 (C.F.G.S) M Brittain 5-8-3

Lingfield Park

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3.45 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £1,753; 3m) (7 runners) Sandown Park Golng: good (good to firm in places) 2.00 (2m hdia) 1, New York Rainbow (R Durwcody, 2-9 Fary); 2, Mountain King-dom (5-1), 3, Christmas Hols (100-1), 4 ran, 294, 301. N Henderson, Tote: £1.20, DF: £1.30, CSF: £1.88. BETTING: 4-6 Direct, 4-1 Singlesole, 7-1 Dudley, 10-1 Greysby, Jolly Fellow, 14-1 Foxy Boy, 25-1 Quidest.

4.15 WALTER WALES MEMORIAL CUP (Hunters chase: Amateurs: £1,530: 2m 5f 110yd) (11 runners)

.... Miss N Bothway (7) 96 J Smyth-Osbourne (7) ● 99 P Murphy (7) M Armytage s J Dawson (7) Mrs J Dawson (7)
G Oxley (5)
G Hancock (7)
G Pewter (7) 8 Steam (7) BETTING: 11-4 King Neon, 7-2 Roscoe Boy, 5-1 Corrarder, 6-1 Skygnange, Spertan Sprite, 8-1 Gee-A, 14-1 Famous Run, The Berwick, Wise Gambol, The Grey Gunner, 33-1 Union Cusy

4.45 EASTERN DAILY PRESS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,406: 2m 80yd) (8 runners)

(22,406; 2ft 80y0) (8 fullners)

1 35012/5 AFFARE DE COEUR 8 (D.F.) (Mrs D Humisett) J Fftch-Heyes 8-11-11 D Gattagher
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5 53R52P LAWKSWOOD JUNIOR 8 (F) (G Traglount) J Spearing 5-11-2 NON-RUNNER
6 22/8530 DRUBO 8 (V) (B Part) R Marvin 8-10-13 J A Herris
7 00156-0 PINECONE PETER 8 (F.S) (F Maddam) O Brennen 5-10-13 M Brennen
8 13/-0000 WHISKEY BLUES 43 (CD.G) (T Sutter) B Rictmond 7-10-2 W Worthington BETTING: 7-4 Affaire De Coeur, 4-1 Alossil, 5-1 Spanish Whisper, 13-2 in-Keeping, 8-1 Druso, 12-1 Pineo Pater, 20-1 Whiteley Blues.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS Runners Per cent JOCKEYS Rides Percent Mr S Steem Mr G Oxley Mr M Armytage N Williamson A Cornell 6 Steem M Riven J Edwards Mrs D Haine R Champion G Hubbard 44.4 40.0 83.3 15.8 13.5 10.7

□ Julie La Rousse, last year's Irish | Florida, on Wednesday. The former 1,000 Guineas runner-up, won the grade three Swannee River Handicap over 1m 1f at Gulfstream Park, Bailey.

2.30 (3m 118yd ch) 1, Country Member (L.Harvey, 11-2); 2, Clever Shaphard (7-2); 3, Glen Cherry (3-4 fav), 8 ran. 12(, 2%), A Turnell, Totte £7.30; 53.40, £1.40, £1.40, DF: £13.30, CSF: £23.03, Tricast: £49.02. 4.15 (2m hdle) 1, Nijmegen (M Dwyer, 2-1 [t-tw]; 2, Balaat (12-1); 3, Alweys Alied (25-1); Ksytast 2-1 (t-tw. 11 ran. NR: Ataturk, Swan Walk. Nk. 201 Jimmy Fitzgeratd. Tote: £3-10; £1.10, £2.80, 28.30. DF £16.30. CSF: £24.41 3.05 (2m 4f 68yd) 1, Sirrah Jay (A Maguire, 6-4 fav); 2, Clera Mountain (5-2), 3 ran. Only two finished. 12f G Balding. Tets: 92.40. DF: 92.50 CSF: 94.48. 3.35 (2m hole) 1, Sertorius (B Powell, 4-1); 2, Walto Up (5-1); 3, Love Anew (12-1) Windward Anom 13-8 tax. 6 ren. NR: Chartten Yeoman. 5, 11. T Thomson Jones. Tote: 25.10; 22.40, 22.50 DF: 17.50. **Taunton**

4.06 (2m 4f 65)yd chi 1, Rain Mark (Mr C Bealby, 4-1); 2, Matish (5-2 fay); 3, Remard Cusy (25-1), 11 ran, 51, sh hd, M Chatterton, Tote: £5.30; £1.50, £1.50, £6.40. DF: £7.60. CSF: £13.74. 4.40 (2m 51 75yd hdle) 1, Scapin (C Liewellyn, 20-1); 2, Rathvinden House (11-2); 3, Cheeky Fox (6-1), Kambaniya 7-2 tav. 11 ran. Sh hd, 3½1, T Forster, Tota 225.10; 24.50, 53.10, 52.20, OF: 552.10. CSF: £121.72, Tricest: 2885.24. Jackpot: Not won (pool of 21,665.95 carried forward to Sandown today). Placopot: 244.60.

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Cong. sor. 1.40 (2m 4f hdle) 1. Terao (P Scudamore. 7-2); 2. This North Danger (7-1); 3. Ice Gold (10-1). Fair Crossing 64 fav. 21 ran 25, 61. M Pape. Tote: 24.80; 12.20, 52.80, 52.60. DF: £18.50 CSF: \$25.40. 2.10 (2m hdle) 1, Gold Medel IP Scudamore, 5-4 lav); 2, Veerry Gen (5-2), 3, Ette Design (68-1) 8 nan, NR. Bustino Bay, 51, dist M Pipe. Tote: £2.60; £1.50, £1.50, £14.80. DF: £2.60. CSF: £4.38 2.40 (3m ch) 1, Fifth Amendment (M Fitnan, 5-2 Fav); 2, The Leggett (8-1), 3, Seffron Lord (12-1), 9 ran, 8, 121 Mrs J Fitnan, 17th, 83.70; 21.40, 24.80, 25.50 DF: 834.50 CSF 220.46 Tricast, 5178.48.

3.15 (2m 41 ch) 1, Henry Mann (3 McCourt, 4-1); 2, Ryde Again (10-11 fav), 3, Lyphento (3-1), 5 ran 2½1, 20, 5 Christian, Tole, £5.80, £1.90, £1.30 DF: £3.50 CSF: £7.64 3.45 (2m ch) 1, Milliord Quey (P Scudamure, 4-7 fav); 2, Rich Nephew (9-2), 3, Al Shamikh (20-1), 8 ran 8t, 3t M Pipe Tote: 11.70, £1.30, £1.10, £1.50, DF: £2.30, CSF: £3.19.

2.00 (2m 110yd hdia) 1, Diamond Cut (J Frost, 15-8 fav), 2, On The Line (33-1), 3, Beyond Cur Reach (5-1) 11 ran 15, 291, M Pipe Tote: 53 20; C1 30, C6.50, C1.60 DF: £23 50 CSF: £47 88.

2.30 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Grey Sonata (D O'Sullivan, 7-1); 2, Floret (11-10 tav), 3, Just A Memory (5-1) 9 ran Sh hd, 3i, C Popham Tote: £4.50; £1.10, £1.40, £1.80, DF: £2.70 CSF: £13.12 Thotast, £29.18.

3.00 (3m 3f ch) 1. Berestords Girl (E. Byrne, 7-4 fev; Thunderer's nap), 2. Celtic Prince (7-1), 3. Crossofspanishel (9-1), 13 ran NR-Tagmoun Chautiour 10, 2½l, R Holder Tote: £2.50; £1.20, £2.20, £2.20 DF: £11.30 CSF, £12.51. (FR). 3.30 (2m 3f hdie) 1. Mottram's Gold (0 Maradith, 7-2 tav); 2. Pabrey (25-1); 3. Lyph (11-1); 15 ram 5l, 5l. Mrs J Retter. Tole: £4.30; £2.20, £5.30, £3 60 DF: £58.50 CSF £77.94. Tncast. £812.98. 4.00 (3m ch) 1, Arctic Teal (M Richards, 11-2): 2, Playpen (2-1 fav); 3, Rare Bid (7-1) 6 ran 44, 30l. O Sherwood. Tote 55.30; 52.40, \$1.30. DF: £8.80 CSF-\$15.27.

Going: standard
1.50 (2m hdie) 1. Rarty's Dream (S
Keigntley, 5-2 tav); 2. Shimmering Scarlet
(16-1); 3, Summer Sands (8-2). 9 ran, 5,
151. J Banks. Tole. E2.90; £1.10. £6.90,
£1.90 DF: £40.30. CSF: £35.08.
2.20 (2m 2f hdie) 1, Lady Poly (Dale
McKaown, 2-1 tav); 2, Millie (11-1); 3,
Sheikh's Pet (9-2). Texan Clamour 10-11
tav. 8 ran. 15, 4, Miss 8 Sanders. Tote:
£2.50; £1.10, £8.10. DF, £15.50. CSF;
£21.39. 221 39.
2.50 (2m 67 hole) 1, Wick Pound (T Grantson, 11-10 tav); 2, Muster Dancer (9-4); 3, Don Keydrop (11-4), 5 ran, 10), clist, J Old, Tole: £1 70; £1.00, £3.40, DF; £3.20, CSF; £4, 19
3.25 (2m 41 hole) 1, Sallor Boy (G Heever, 15-2); 2, Caroles Clown (13-8 tav); 3, Sharmblam (11-4), 5 ran, NR; Millio Belle, 291, 391 R Akehurat, Toto; £4-40; 53.20, £1.80 DF; £5.10, CSF; £19.42 3.55 (2m id.e) 1. Abu Mustab (Mr M Houngan, 9-4); 2, Tel E Thon (6.1); 3, Take issue (8-15 fav), 6 ren. 11, 2741. G Edwards. Tota: 52.50; 51.50, 53.70. DF: 57.10. CSF: 514.63. \$14.63. 4.25 (2m 2f holle) 1, Gallant Effort (A Dicken, 5-4); 2, Isewin (11-10 fav); 3, Lane Led (8-2), 3 ran, 1/s), 30L 5 Dow, Tote: \$1.90, OF \$1.10, CSF: \$2.88.



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2.10 Top It All.

2.10 SHERINGHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

3.15 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

1F MARTHA'S SON 28 (D.BF.G) (M Ward-Thomas) T Forstar 5-11-5
32-2111 SNITTON LANE 11 (D.F.G.S) (H White) J Edwards 8-11-8...
FB122S STEVEADON 48 (D.G.) (R Carvil) N Calagism 6-11-6...
043-02 PEACEMAN 86 (SF Peter Globings) Mrs D Haire 6-11-0...
WAYWARD EDWARD (Mrs S Lamyman) Mrs S Lamyman 6-11-0...

SETTING: 5-4 Shitten Lane, 9-4 Marting's Son, 7-2 Peaceman, 9-2 Stevendon, 53-1 Wayward Edward.

(Qualifier: £1,672: 2m 80yd) (5 runners)

2.40 Ebony Swell. 3.15 Snitton Lane. 3.45 Direct.

4.15 King Neon. 4.45 Affaire De Coeur.

Long handicap: Showaca 9-10, Athessel Abbey 9-9.
BETTING: 5-2 The Hidden City, 7-2 Churchill Express, 9-2 Sweet "N" Low, 6-1 La Pereet, 7-1 Top it All, 10-1 Showaca, 12-1 Arthurs Stone, 16-1 others.

1991: MEETING ABANDONED - FROST AND SNOW

1 (181-54 THE ARGONAUT 85 (C.D.F.G.S) (Queen Etzabeth) Mrs F Wahwyn 14-11-10 Mr G Oxioy 98
2 PP-4541 EBONY SWELL 24 (C.D.G.S) (S Campion) S Campion 11-10-12 P Midgley (7) 93
3 223-953 DEADLINE 35 (G.S) (C Newton) J Leigh 9-10-0 B Carron (5) 98
4 24-3060 PRINCE CARLTON SS (CD,F.G.S) (Mrs J Bloom) Mrs J Bloom 17-10-0 A Carrol 57
5 F600-PR BANANA BOAT 35 (J Titley) Mrss P Half 7-10-0 A Webb 64 (PP-PP) (R.COURSEY 15 (V) (Olympic Reading Ltd) 8 Stevens 7-10-0 R Stronge —

Long handloops Prince Carlton 9-5, Banana Boat 9-5, Kilcoursey 9-5.
BETTING: 11-10 Ebony Swell, 3-1 Deedline, 9-2 The Argonaut, 7-1 Prince Carlton, 16-1 Kilcoursey, 20-1
Benana Boat

2.40 SANDRINGHAM HANDICAP CHASE (£2,853: 3m) (6 runners)

John Goodbody reports from Stockholm on crowd control preparations for the European football championship

Police say tickets essential for Sweden ties

ENGLISH and Scottish restricted to about 5,000 tickets apiece for the pool matches of the European championship in Sweden in June, and only 2,500 if their country reaches the semifinals and final.

The message from the summit meeting here of Swedish, British and Dutch police and officials of governments and football associations was that supporters should not travel without tickets. Up to 20,000 Britons are still expected in Scandinavia.

Police superintendent Lennart Petersson is adamant. "Anyone who has committed a serious footballrelated offence will be turned back at the borders. In additition, supporters will not be allowed to enter stadiums without tickets," he

Petersson is secretary of the two Swedish committees which have been set up to prevent the clashes which marred the 1988 championship in West Germany, when nearly 800 people, including 394 English, were arrested. In September 1989, when England met Sweden here in a World Cup qualifying match which was marred by violence, a group of 500 supporters, without tickets, encamped in front of the

The police, wrongly believ ing in a short-term solution. thought it was better to let them into the match rather than to risk further trouble Petersson said that the

Swedes had learnt a lot about policing England followers from that experience and had instituted special training in riot and crowd control for regular officers. Sweden is spending 119 million krona (about £12 million) on security for the

championship.

However, as Craig Brewin,
the chairman of the Football Supporters Association. pointed out yesterday, a precedent of admitting ticketless spectators has been

"People will remember or be told about 1989," Brewin said. Supporters will not know about this summer's policy, or. if they do, they will



Advance party: British police representatives, Adrian Appleby, left, and Malcolm George, inspect the Rasunda Stadium in Stockholm

believe the Swedes will alter it. The Football Association is urging all supporters to join its travel club, when members are vetted against a blacklist of known hooligans. Club members should be assured of tickets for the

championship, particularly since the FA did a highly commendable job during the World Cup in Italy in securing as many tickets as they could for England followers. Brewin is disappointed with the ticket allocation, but this is inevitable because the stadiums are quite small. Malmö, where England plays its two opening games, against Yugoslavia and France, holds 27,000.

Each group of supporters will get 5.072 tickets. At the

holm (capacity 28,000), where England will meet Sweden, 5,321 tickets will be

Scotland will receive slightly more, because they will be playing their early games in larger grounds. The police have also con-

duded that, because longhaul ferry operators will not. he taking supporters direct to Sweden, either because of company policy or because many of the summer sailing schedules do not start until June 15, when the tournament will have already begun, many England and Scotland followers will be using the Channel ports.

Potential problems could be in Beighum, The Nether-lands, and particularly Den-mark, with many Englishmen using Copenhagen as a base and then making the 10-mile ferry crossing to Malmo. Denmark is also cheaper, with a glass of beer costing £2.20 compared to £5

The National Football Intelligence Unit (NFIU). which has done so much to help control hooliganism in

WHO would have thought that falling downstairs would

have become an Olympic sport! No disrepect to the

esoteric discipline really is Buster Keaton, with more danger but without the laughs, And, it must be said, brilliantly performed.

brilliantly performed.

They do not come better than Domna Weinbrecht, of the United States and Edgar Grospiron, of France, the respective world champions and now inaugural winners of the mogul skiing freestyle event in Tignes yesterday. Freestyle, as Nelson Carmichael, the American bronze medal winner, observed afterwards is the definitive word for this sport.

The scene here yesterday

The scene here yesterday morning at this spiritual home of freestyle skiing at 7,000ft was indeed ideal

sport visually dramatic dur-ing a steadily increasing

snowstorm, technically elite and perfect spectator enter-

tainment. A crowd of some 8,000 was gathered around the bottom of the straight 250-metre, 28-slope that to

your average skier would be a

descent demanding extreme

caution: in the colour-range guide of piste difficulty, be-

ginning with green through blue and red, this would be

midnight black.
For the worse than average

skier, such as your corres-

pondent, this would not be a piste at all, more like de-scending on skis, a wall of scaffolding. It would take me, falls included ... well, maybe 20 minutes on a good

maybe 20 minutes on a good

day. Late yesterday, with the

starting gate a distant blur,

the women were coming down in 40sec and the men

Baron de Coubertin might,

I suspect, turn in his grave to block out the sound of rock

music which accompanies

the skiers down the slope — not unlike the background to

a silent movie — but he would wholly approve of the youthfulness, the essential joie de vivre which the sport

embodies. "We are some sort of pioneers," Carmichael said. "and people will eventu-ally appreciate what we do." I have no intended scepti-cism towards the mogul divi-sion of freestyle. There is a wholehearted spontageir.

wholehearted spontaneity.

about it that is novel, and it is closest of the three disci-

plines to real skiing. Aerials

and ballet, the other two, have a contrived look, skiing

for trampolinists and frus-

in 33 and less.

24 hours a day during the championship. As potential troublemakers board ships and planes in Britain, the NFIU will be sending pictures of them by photophone to Continental police, so that they can identify them as the

supporters disembark.

Malcolm George, secretary of the Association of Chief Police Officers public "After a subcessful World Cup in policing terms, we are optimistic about Sweden. The domestic arrests this season are about the same as last year [when there was a dramatic drop compared to 1989-90] but we are aware there still remains a few people who are prepared to cause problems.

British ministers, however, seem complacent, apparently believing that the problem has disappeared. Colin Moynihan, the former minister for sport, was sufficiently committed to his job to make his first visit to Italy six months before the World Cup to check arrangements. Robert Atkins, his successor, has yet to go to Sweden.

of caber tossing as a sport for Scottish lumberjacks and

farmers or putting the shot for disgruntled coalmen. Stine Hattestad, the Nor-

wegian bronze medal winner, more or less agreed. "We use

long skis, and therefore it is

more real, more similar to ordinary skling, which is the public opinion," she said. "But you will never do well in

ballet or aerials if you can't ski well." Grospiron reflected: "The three have to be seen separately, though they all require a lot of work...in

moguis, we're the wild ones."
The competitors, race on the second day in the reverse

order of their qualifying times, so that the last one down knows exactly what there is to beat. In the women's final, Weinbrecht, the

penultimate starter, set what

looked like a winning points total of 23.69, ahead of

Elizaveta Kojevnikova, of the

United Team, from Moscow,

The scoring consists of a maximum 30 points, half of which are given on style, a

quarter on two compulsory

jumps or turns and only one

quarter on the actual time. Weinbrecht was not as fast

as Kojevnikova but had com-

fortably the best scores on

lead, it looked as though the enthusiastic French crowd might suffer a double disap-

pointment, but all was to be well for them. Jean-Luc Bras-sard, a fancied Canadian,

skied below par for seventh

Then came Olivier

Allamand, second of the two

final French racers. With a flourish he took the lead, going through the bumps left and right like Senna through a chicane. Up went a huge shout as he took the lead. But that was not the lead. But

that was not the end. Down flew Grospiron, and though

his time was a fraction slow-

er, his skill was consummate.

I do not much care for arbi-

trary judging, but here it

seems they got it right.

Piste's perils are

definitely no

laughing matter

GOLF McLean revives players' pride

SEVERIANO Ballesteros top two earners on the European tour last season proved anything but the main attraction on the opening day of the Turespana Masters in Malaga.

They found it hard going and disappointed big crowds drawn to see the pair in action together. It was left to Mike McLean, of Kent, to restore the professionals' pride. McLean. aged 28. holed in one with a two-iron at the 214-yard 11th, and birdied three of the last five holes for a four-under-par 68.

Ballesteros began with a double bogey and finished with four bogeys for a 78. Richardson had eight bogeys and two doubles in an 82.

The problem was a fierce wind blowing out into the Mediterranean - and few escaped without a horror story to tell. Only two other players in the 123-strong field broke par, the Dutch-American Chris Van Der Velde (70) and the Swede Anders Forsbrand (71).

Colin Montgomerie, another Ryder Cup man, four-putted the last for an 80 and promptly withdrew com-plaining of influenza. Carl Mason pulled out as well,

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mhis rival

Colin Montgomerie, of Scotland, who withdrew from the Turespana Masters yesterday, will have to find a new caddle on his return to the Tour. Paul Stephens, who has been carrying Montgomerie's bag only for

the past two weeks, does not want to work for him any longer.

Norman is back in swing

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS **GOLF CORRESPONDENT** IN MELMOURNE

of the first round lead in the Australian Masters, spon-Huntingdale course. He convinced himself that his devotion to the practice putting green in recent weeks has provided him with the ammunition with which to at-

Norman failed in 1991 to win anywhere. It weighed on his mind to such an extent that he became almost paranoid about intrusions into ei-ther his professional or private life. In other words, Norman's concentration

waned and his game suffered. This winter Norman decided he would need to improve his putting to reduce the pressure on the rest of his game. So he turned to an experimental putter invented by Dave Pelz, an American. The legality of the Pelz putter has been questioned, but Nor-man has used it only on the

He has continued to use a conventional model in tournament play, but with an authority he lacked throughout last year. It is the first tangible sign that he can put behind him the disappointment of plunging from first to

six times but this is the best first round I've had here," he said. "That pleases me because it was difficult to keep your concentration in the wind and rain today."

Australian, one shot ahead of Peter Senior, the defending champion, and Gabriel Hjertstead, of Sweden.

Leading Austrian woman skier comes out of a slump at the right time

Kronberger tries not to want any more gold

FROM DAVID POWELL IN MERIBEL

PETRA Kronberger switched on her personal stereo to relax before skiing to the first women's Alpine gold medal of the yesterday. But the headphones she wore at her press conference left pressure ringing in her ears.

Kronberger's third place in the slalom after her victory in the downhill on Wednesday Suddenly, this most likeable of sportswomen was being elevated from January flop to

February superstar.
Did she think she could win all five gold medals, journalists wanted to know, of the Austrian, aged 22. Through modern techniques of simultaneous translation, the questions can be delivered in one languag e and the answers heard through headphones in another.

"It reminds me of the world championships, all kinds of forecasts, and look what happened there," Kronberger re-plied. On that occasion, last year, Kronberger won down-hill gold, but fell in the super giant slalom and missed the

rest of the championships.
"I am not super-human." she said. "I am very reluctant to come up with any forecast. You cannot push a button and say today you will win a gold medal.

She was trying not to think about it. "I have come to realise that if I really want

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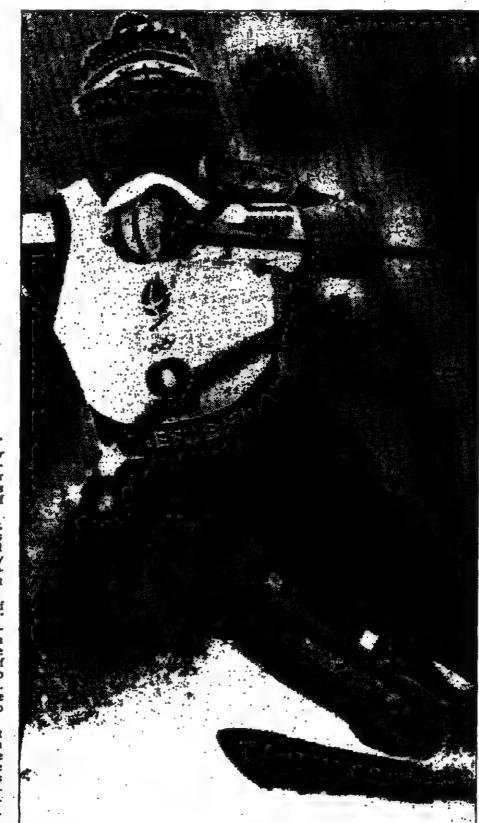
something it does not work." So, on La Roche de Fer piste before yesterday's slalom, she tuned in to her Walkman. "The music calms me and makes me think of something else."

The death in December, after a car accident, of Alois Kahr, the Austrian technical coach, had weighed heavily on her mind, and was perhaps a reason for her recent poor form.

"Up there I heard Alois as if he was talking to me." Kronberger said, her se-quence of 12 races without a top three place put to the sword. "I was thinking of what he would have said to me. It was a shock to lose him. People live on in us. But, if we are depressed, we have to fight harder."

This was Kronberger's first Olympic title. The most won by an Alpine skier at one

Games is three. But the downhill tomorrow worries her. The jumps are danger-ous - I do not think it necessary to have them," she said. "They are a problem." If Kronberger is worried, how must the others feel?



Back on top: Kronberger attacks the combined slalom yesterday

7 11 38; 9, J Schon (Swe), 7:12:15, 10, M Hedechtell (Austria), 7:12:97, 11, V Selectine (U1), 7:13:20; 12:8 Wennis (US), 7:13:35, 13, 1 Gustafron (Swe), 7:15:56, 14, R Sighel (III, 7:16:55; 15, M Troger (Gar), 7:17:82

MEDALS TABLE

PROGRAMME

08.00: Blathlon women's 3 x 7.5km, 08.00: Luge men's doubles, 12.30; Sid jumping 120m team, 15.00; Speed skating, women's 1,000m, 18.30; the dencing: computations, 12.15, 16.15 and 20.15; los hockey. Pool B: France v U Team; Switzerland

08.00: Bebelsegh: two-man 08.45: Freestyle sking; seniele heats, 09.00: Crose country: men's 15km, 11.15: Alpine sking; women's downhill. 12.00: Crose country, women's 15km, 13.30: Speed skating; men's 500m, 18.30: Figure skating; men's 500m, 18.30: Figure skating; men's free programme, 16.15 and 20.15: lee hockey: Pool A: Sweden v Finland; United States v Fisland.

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Tomorrow

Today

Alpine skiling Women's combined (Val d'Isère) 1989 waner A Wachter (Austrie) FINAL RESULT; 1, P Kronberger (Austrie), 255pts (downhie): Imar 25,84eec; slaten, 18,39 (127.25, 1:09.51), 3, F Masnada (Fr), 21,38 (1:27.06; 1:10.01); 4, C Bournssen (Swrt), 24,96 (125.92; 1.0.09), 5, A Berge (Nor), 33,22 (1:28.67; 1.0.99), 5, A Berge (Nor), 33,22 (1:28.67; 1.0.99), 5, A Berge (Nor), 33,22 (1:28.67; 1.0.99), 5, B McKendry (Can), 39,02 (1:27.32; 1:11.78); 7, N Botesi (Stiversis), 42,60 (1.29.02; 1.0.965); 8, L Medzhradeka (C2), 47,43 (1.27.96; 1.11.250); 10, R Gavagnoud (Fr), 5,13 (1.28.16; 1.11.95); 8, M Vogt (Ser), 48,52 (1.27.35; 1.12.50); 10, R Gavagnoud (Fr), 5,13 (1.28.16; 1.11.95); 11, K Schmidstige (US), 51,56 (1.26.36; 1.14.77), 12,8 (Bladathira (UT), 61.25 (1.26.98; 1.15.15), 13, E Kawabets (Jepan), 68 10 (1:27.13; 1:15.37), 14, H Zolar (Swrtz), 69,07 (1.28.50; 1:16.08), 15, L Millanova (C7), 78,26 (1.26.66; 1:14.26). British placings: 17, E Carnet-Anderson, Alpine skiing

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British placings: 17. E Carnot-Anderson, 107.61 (1:32 79, 1:11 84). Did not finish first statiom run: C De Pourteles. Did not finish second run: V Scott.

Men's moguls (Tignes) Final, RESULT: 1, E Greepron (Fr), 25 Brois; 2, O Allemand (Fr), 24.87; 3, N Carmichael (US), 24.82; 4, E Berthon (Fr), 24.76; 5, J Smart (Cen), 24.15; 6, J Panjarvi (Swe), 24.14; 7, J-L Bressard (Can), 23 71; 8, L Pereson (Swe), 2.2 98; 9, Y Gilg (Fr), 22.85; 10, J Bliner (Switz), 22.65; 11, N Chaver (Aus), 22.04; 12, S Chougeleave (UT), 21 BC; 13, C Redman (US), 21.18; 14, A Coata (Aus), 21 18; 15, C Martin (US), 20.77.

Women's mogula (Tignes)

FINAL, RESULT: 1. D Weinbrecht (US), 23.69pts; 2, E Kojavnikove (UT), 23.50; 3, 5 Haltestad (No), 23 04; 4, T Miltermeyer (Ger), 22 33, 5, B Stein (Ger), 21.44; 6, L McIntyre (US), 21 24; 7, S Marcaindi (II), 19.56; 8, R Monad (Pt), 15.57.

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Women's 5km cross country

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14.38.3; 6, O. Danibova (UT), 14/37.2; 7, L.
Lasutna (UT), 14/41.7; 8, S. Poderson
(Nor), 14/42.1; 8, M-H. Wastin (Swe),
14/42.6; 10, E. Nilson (Nor), 14/30.6; 11, L.
Balazova (Cz), 14/54.6; 12, M.D. Centa (m),
14/55.4; 12, K. Neumarmova (Cz), 14/56.1;
14, C. Garin (Swe), 15:00 & 15, S. Higger
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Speed skating Men's 5,000m (Albertville) ISSS serior I Curacian (Sec)
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Dittrich (Ger), 7:06.33; 5, 8 Velchamp
(Nem), 7:08.00, 5, E-Fairn (US), 7:11.18; 7,
J Koss (Nor), 7:11.32; 8, E Samerov (UT).

Read makes point as top Briton DETERMINATION paid

off for John Read, the crosscountry skier who was Britain's best finisher in yesterday's 10km event. Selectors had overlooked

the soldier, aged 30, from Wincanton - who came 47th at Les Saisies - when the British squad began training on Austria's Dachstein glacier last August. But defiantly Read made his own way to Austria and camped out on the ice until the coach was forced to take a look at him.

"We knew he had the fitness, but we were not so sure of the technique," the team manager, Tony Abell, said. "But he has benefitted from working with the coach and his determination paid off."

The United States beat Finland 4-1 in Meribel to become the third of the quarterfinalists in the ice hockey tournament. Canada and Czechoslovakia had already qualified. It was the Americans' third successive win.

Albertville: Archie Marshall, manager of the British team. yesterday criticised the way short-track speed skaters, admitted into the Winter Olympics for the first time, were being treated John Hennessy writesj. "It seems we are second-class citizens," he said. Trying to train here properly

is ridiculous. The rink is too congested. It's dangerous and deteriorating fast. We've been lucky so... far, but when a speed skater goes down he really travels, and 16-inch blades can do a lot of damage. Our first fall may prove the last."

on the ice at a time when only three figure skaters occupied

the main rink. Now, the

Marshall's criticism of the

There had been 36 skaters

Criticism grows over training facilities

morning practice opportunities had been denied the speed skaters because the Chambery rink had been given over to pairs skaters training for next month's world championships in San Francisco. Wilf O'Reilly, the world champion, gave up after only nine minutes of the Wednesday training session.

facilities at Albertville was echoed by Hans Trygue Kristiansen, coach of the Norwegian 5,000 metres winner, Geir Karlstad, and Parrick Ordeib, of Austria. who won the men's skiing downhill on the first day of the Games.

Last down was the home favourite, Raphaelle Monod, of France, but for her it was a GREG Norman did much more than return to centre miserable conclusion to an stage when he carned a share historic day for she lost controi over the last few bumps and finished in disarray mov-ing almost backwards. "I was sad for Raphaelle because I sored by Pyramid, with a score of 69 here on the would have liked her to ski her best." Weinbrecht said. With Carmichael — thirteenth through the gate out of 16 finalists - taking the

tack 1992 with gusto.

practice putting green to help restore his confidence.

seventh in the Sony world rankings. "I've won this roumament

Norman shares the lead with Roger Mackay, another

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES
[Australian unless stated): № 6 Memors, R
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Roberts, J Morse (US), J Califord, W Smith.

IN BRIEF

Gymkhana

forfeit

two points

Indian Gymkhana have been fined £200 and had two

points deducted by the management committee of the Pizza Express National Hockey League, and ordered to pay £50 to cover the cost of

the special meeting convened on Tuesday evening to review

their first division match

against Stourport on January

The committee examined reports of incidents which led

to two Gymkhana players

being permanently sent off.

The match, which was aban-doned at half-time because of

fog with Stourport leading 1-0, is to be replayed on March

Lacrosse: A Welsh women's

team will become the first

British side to play against

Japan when they compete in the International Friendship

Games in Tokyo in June.

WALES (v Japan): N John, J Liewellyn Goalcher, M McKraght, M Deiglish, Logan, C Chappell, K Owen, N Pelens Owen, V Jones, L Smith

☐ The league leaders, Ken-

ton, are favourites to beat

Purley in the senior Flags semi-final at Kenton

Status confirmed

Tokyo bound

Harry The

England manager's hands are tied

World Cup dates give Taylor his biggest headache

FROM STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, IN AMSTERDAM

attempt to plot England's most agreeable course through the World Cup qualifying programme. But before meeting representatives of the other five nations in the group here this morning, he feels as though one of his hands has been tied behind

Although the Premier League next season is to be the same size as the present first division, a ludicrous anomaly, England's manager will, at least, be granted another two free Saturdays in which to prepare for internationals. Yet, equally illogically, he cannot choose the four

They have already been selected by the Football Association and will be before the fixtures on October 14, Nov-ember 18, March 31 and April 28. Taylor, who has never before been involved in such negotiations, regrets the restriction of his freedom and regards it as a handicap.

'National teams in other countries are given priority," he said yesterday. "For in-stance, the Italians would go into a meeting like this, arrange their international fixtures and then mould their domestic programme around them. I will just have to see which teams I would like to play with the advantage of those preparations."

They will presumably be the Netherlands and Poland, although Taylor considers Norway to be dangerous dark

GRAHAM Taylor is about to horses capable of running across anybody's path (such as Italy's, for example, in the recent qualifying stages of the European championship). The other contenders, Turkey and especially San Marino, pose comparatively little

> Taylor believes that consideration should be given to England playing on Saturdays, a proposal which might afford everyone more time. His squad would be able not only to practice for almost a week but also to return to their respective clubs at least three days before their next

He appreciates, though, that the revolutionary idea won't happen this time but it would be a good area to explore" for the build-up to the ship. Since England are expecied to be the hosts in 1996, and thus qualify auto-matically, the need for lengthy preparations would

not be so urgent.
Italy invariably play on Sat-urdays and the Scots, having been drawn in the same World Cup qualifying group, were keen to stage their tie during a weekend. "But they couldn't come up with any suitable dates," Taylor said, "and that illustrates how diffi-

cult these meetings can be."
Ideally, he would prefer to
start and particularly to end
the programme at Wembley. In the last three qualifying

games in Poland, twice, and Yugoslavia. Defeat was avoided on each occasion but these last steps to the final stages are invariably hazard-

Taylor's wish to open at home is based on England's In the last decade they have lost four and won only three of their first games of the season. By contrast, they have remained imdefeated in November over the last ten years. Since the ten qualifying ties will fill all the international

dates until the end of 1993, Taylor will have no room to experiment other than on the planned tour of the United States next summer. He regards that as essential, if only for acclimatisation, even though the stamina of his players will be further

"Being the best, they are the busiest," he said. "It will be difficult because, unlike this season, we will have to have a competitive game in May. The players are on an international and domestic treadmill. There is hardly any time for them to have a recovery period."

Madrid: The Uefa presi-

dent, Lennart Johansson, has threatened to bar the CIS from taking part in the European championship finals since clubs in the former Soviet Union are refusing to take part in a CIS championship, starting next month.

Sweden prepares, page 28

Real ready to end poor run

this weekend.

few weeks ago, have taken only five points from their last six games and only one from two matches since their Dutch coach, Leo Beenhakker, took charge. Beenhakker's response to last weekend's defeat at Real Valladolid was to put his squad through a ferocious training

Fiorentina. Milan's 2-0 win over Torino in a midweek Italian Cup quarter-final with a side containing five reserves underlined both their form and strength in depth.

against Atalanta.

The Canadian's father, Brian Sherry, said yesterday: The fight should have been a technical draw. We made it a condition when we were asked to come back that we would get a fight with Eubank if we won. We would not have come otherwise. The

Eubank has agreed to the rematch.

Sherry was upset that the public had been given the impression by the media that he had been putting on an act after being floored by that

"I was shown in a bad light by Barry Hearn, being called an actor. Believe me, actors make a lot more money than I do," he said. "Instead of apologies and condolences, I was made out to be the bad guy, a fool, and I didn't like that. A

fighter doesn't quit and a quitter doesn't fight." He claimed that in the ninth round he had forgotten to come out with his mouth-

piece and had chipped a

tooth in that round. After the butt in the next round the blood and tooth chippings had blocked his windpipe and he was unable to breathe. His father said: "He stopped breathing twice in the ring and once in the ambulance.

Sherry said he was happy to return to England because he had received many letters of sympathy and a commitment from Hearn regarding the bout with Eubank. So far as Sherry and his cornerman, Pepe Correa, were concerned Benn would be no problem Both Sherry and Correa

made it clear the Englishman would be knocked out. "We are here to whip you,"

Correa said. "See how soft your chin is. We all know he has a soft chin." Correa and Sherry then proceeded to ha-rangue Benn, forcing him into an angry exchange across the table with Sherry. Suddenly Benn got up and left, "stormed out" as the jar-

countdown to a challenge for the world tide in the autumn. Cycling: The Wincanton Classic, Britain's leading single-day international race, will again have World Cup status in 1993. The British race, the fourth version of which is due to be held in Leeds this August, won the vote for 1993 at the expense of the Paris-Tours race.

Piper's task

Boxing: Nicky Piper, a leadsuper-middleweight title, steps up in class to take on Ron Admundsen, from Chicago, in Cardiff on March

☐ Salvatore Fanni, of Italy, retained his European fly weight title yesterday when he drew with Danny Porter, of Britain, in Salerno.

Seeding upset

Table tennls: The world champion, Zhao Jianhua, beat the defending champion, Ardy Wiranata, to the No. I spot in the seedings for the Yonex All-England championships at Wembley next month, even though the Chinese player lost to the Indonesian in the World Cup final this season in Macao. ☐ Carl Prean leads the new England ranking list ahead

One-stroke lead

Golf: Susan Ginter, of the United States, recorded a one-under-par 71 to take a one-stroke lead from Alison Shapcott, of Britain, on the opening day of the Kosaido Asahi women's open tournament in Phuket. Thailand.

In last eight

Tennis: Andrew Richardson beat Mark Petchey 7-6, 4-6, 7-6 to reach the quarter-finals of the LTA men's indoor satellite tournament at Telford. Six Britons are

through to the last eight.

Lead established Rackets: Neil Smith, the British professional champion. and Shannon Hazell, the British Open champion, took an impressive 4-2 lead after the first leg of the Lacoste world doubles championship against the former world champions, John Prenn and Willie Boone.

Liverpool may turn to Kozma

ISTVAN Kozma, the Hungarian international, is in line for a surprise Liverpool debut in the FA Cup at Ipswich on Sunday. The £300,000 signing from Dunfermline is in Graeme Souness's plans after reserves' 4-0 win at Bradford

on Wednesday night. Liverpool have Jan Molby and Michael Thomas doubtful for the game at Portman Road and Mark Walters is still suffering from a strain. Souness said: "Given our present predicament he comes into consideration. Ideally, you like to bed someone in, but there is not the

time at the moment." Souness, who saw Kozma in Scottish Premier League action during his days at Rangers, said: "He is quick. talented and capable of taking a regular place."

Darjusz Kubicki, the Polish international, is set to return to the Aston Villa defence for Sunday's FA Cup fifth-round tie at Swindon.Kubicki was left out of last Saturday's defeat at Wimbledon. when Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager, used the extra height of Ugo Ehiogu.

Kubicki was sent off in VIIla's 4-3 win at Derby in the fourth round and will miss the home first division match with Oldham on February 22 through suspension.

Atkinson will have a full squad to choose from for Sun-

YACHTING

Conner gains

unusual help

from his rival

San Diego: Bill Koch, head of

the America3 syndicate, said

he had difficulty persuading

his team to help Dennis

Conner by allowing him to

change keels midway

through the second round robin of the America's Cup

defender trials here (Bob Ross

competitor a mode change

became an extremely emo-

tional issue in our camp,"

"Our philosophy is not to

After Conner's Stars &

Stripes lost to America³ by 6min 23sec and 6min, and to

the syndicate's second-string

yacht, Defiant, by 4min

grind Dennis's nose in the

Koch said in a briefing.

mud and pound on him."

"The idea of offering a

writes).

day's televised match, with the exception of Dalian Atkinson, the forward, who is still troubled by an ankle injury.Dwight Yorke, who scored three goals against Derby, has responded to which ruled him out of the

Wimbledon mawh. left back at the expense of

Bryan Small. Tottenham Hotspur, the FA Cup holders, said: "We seem to be reserving out best per-formances for the Cup and I

long way."

Eric Cantona, the French

champions, visit Elland Road tomorrow.

□ ROME: Ruben Soso, the Uruguayan striker, whose days with Lazio, of Rome, appear numbered, has been suspended for two matches. He was sent off against

BASKETBALL

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NATIONAL CUP: Samt-final: Ruland
Kingston 83 (Irish 17, Henley 17), Worthing Bears 71 (Shacklestord 22, Baker 22),
Kingston van 168-148 on agg,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New
York Knicks 111, Indiana Pacers 104: New
Jersey Nets 102, Philadelphia 78ers 87;
Delias Mayericks 108, Boston Cettles 100;
Deriver Nuggeta 108, Cleveland Cavelliers
102; Portland Trall Blazers 107, Phoenix
Suns 97; Los Angeles Cippers 97,
Houston Rockets 95; Sacramento Kings
98, Washington Bullets 97.

BOWLS

Atalanta. (AFP)

Atkinson's main problem is whether to employ Steve Staunton in midfield, or at

Yorke, who also scored the winning goal to knock out have a feeling we can go a

international on loan to Leeds United until the end of the season, faces two "friendlies" in three days in an attempt to prove his fitness for next week's international against England at Wembley. He was to play for Leeds against Shelbourne in the Republic of Ireland last night before another full game when IFK Gothenburg, the Swedish

REAL MADRID, leaders of the Spanish first division, attempt to snap out of the poor form that has checked their irresistible title charge when they confront Athletic Bilbao

Real, eight points clear a

session on Tuesday. Barcelona, the champions, two points behind Real, face a tough away match against Real Zaragoza, who are fifth. In Italy such is the form of the unbeaten leaders, AC Milan, that even the absence of their suspended captain. Franco Baresi, may not stop their winning run in Sun-day's difficult game at

Juventus, who trail Milan by five points and were unimpressive in their cup win over Internazionale, should have a relatively easy home game Becker wins a tough first-set struggle BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

TENNIS

Brussels: Karel Novacek, Stefan Edberg, Borls Becker and Jim Courier won straight-set but not always straightforward victories here yesterday in the Donnay In-door Championship to advance to the quarter-finals of the \$800,000 event.

By Srikumar Sen

OXING CORRESPONDENT

DAN Sherry, the man on the

receiving end of a back head-er from Chris Eubank last

February at Brighton, is back

in town. He is not here for a

rematch with the World Box-

ing Organisation champion,

at least not yet. Sherry will be

Palace on Wednesday, Barry Hearn, the promoter, believes

that if Benn makes a clean job

of disposing of Sherry, public

demand will put the pressure

on Eubank to agree to a

But Sherry has other ideas.

He had an agreement with

Hearn that if he wins he will

be given a rematch with

Eubank. Sherry was unable

to continue after being butted

by Eubank in the 10th round.

They meet at Alexandra

boxing Nigel Benn.

return with Benn.

Edberg, who is trying to regain his world No. 1 ranking he lost to Courier last week, plays Novacek today. Becker, seeded third here, will face a fellow-German, Carl-Live Steeb, while Courier takes on Alexander Volkov, of the Commonwealth of Independent States, having got past Henri - Leconte, of

France, by 6-4, 7-5. The American is seeded second for the championship as the seedings were decided on February 7, the day before Courier moved to the top of the ranking list in San

Francisco. Becker beat Patrick McEnroe 7-6, 6-1 but had to come from 6-1 down in the tie-break to secure the first set. After Becker had led 3-1

HOCKEY

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE Second division

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in the first set, he had a great deal of trouble returning McEnroe's service and backhand shots and the American drew level at 3-3. From that point, the pair struggled to the tie-break in which McEnroe took a commanding lead. In the tie-break. Becker repeatedly made unforced errors before he got his service working and went on to take it 8-6. McEnroe, ranked 52nd, ran out of ideas

in the second set. Novacked, ranked 11th and seeded seventh for the tournament, needed only 85 minutes to dismiss Belgium's Eduardo Masso, 6-4, 6-2. Masso, ranked 94th; was a late qualifier and never threatened an upset.

Edberg defeated the lefthanded Netherlands' player Jan Siemerink by 7-5, 6-2 in just over an hour.

□ Pascale Paradis-Mangon.

an unseeded French player. beat Judith Wiesner, the second seed, by 6-3, 6-3 in the second round of the women's tournament in Linz, Austria.

Loughborough 3, Exster 0. Nestball: Exeler 80, Reading 12; UEA 25, Loughborough 52; Surrey 13, Leads 25, Swansea 43, Notunopiam 34, Rugby union: Southampton 3, Loughborough 12; Impertal 20, Surrey 3; Swansea 13, Bristol 15; Newcastle 13, Durham 26, Hockey: Mer: Bristol 3, Loughborough 4eael; UMST 0, Swansea 4; Durham 6, Southampton 0; Bath 2, Exeter 3, Women: Lancaster 0, Loughborough 4: Leads 2, Surrey 1, Exeter 1, Bristol 3; Nottingham 3, Durham 1, Semi-final: Rugby league: Sattord 25, Loughborough 14, BRITISH COLLEGES CUP: Rugby

Skoff (Austria), 7-5, 6-3; P Sempras (US) bt R Fromberg (Aus), 6-4, 7-5; R Reneberg (US) bt G Pozzi (II), 6-2, 7-5; A Manacion (US) bt G Pozzi (II), 6-2, 6-3; M Stich (Ger) bt T Martin (US), 6-2, 6-2; W Fernsirs (SA) bt W Mazur (Aus), 6-4, 6-4; P Heastruits (Neth) bt C van Rensburg (SA), 6-4, 6-4; M Chang (US) bt P Basir (Ger), 6-3, 6-3; D Contors (US) bt K Curren (US), 8-2, 6-2 SM/INDON: LTA Women's Satalities Tournament Semi-finals: S Pitkowski (Fr) bt E Melogrova (CSS), 2-6, 6-2, 6-1; C Wulliot (Sel) bt C Cristea (Rom), 1-6, 6-3, 6-3.

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BRITISH COLLEGES CUP: Rugby league: First round: Crewe and Alaeger Coll 20. Liverpool inst 4.

UK CORRUGATED MEHIT LEAGUE I/K CORRUGATED MERT LEAGUE (rugby league): Bedford Colf 40, Cambridge Univ 13, Hull Univ 44, Sheffield Poly 22: Kingston Poly 0, West London nsi 52: Leeds Univ 18, Leeds Poly 33: Newcastle Poly 45. Lancaster Univ 4: Oxford Univ 38, Statfordshre Poly 5: Sheffield Univ 54, Huddersfield Poly 4: Swansee Univ 20, Cardiff Inst 18; Menchester Poly 20, Liverpool Univ 4. ICE HOCKEY

> **RACKETS** CLIFTON COLLEGE, Bristol: Lacoste world doubles championship: First leg: N Smith and S Hazel bt W Boone and J Prenn, 13-18, 18-2, 15-10, 15-9, 9-15, 15-

SNOOKER

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Detroit Red Wings 9, Buffalo Sabres 4; Montreal Canadiens 6, Sen Jose Sharks 1; New York Rangers 5, Vancouver Canucks 2. REAL TENNIS J D WARD NATIONAL LEAGUE: North Oxford BMW 3, Holyport 0 (North Oxford names first). L Deucher bit C, Lunley, 6-0, 6-1; 3 Ronaldson bit H. Latham, 6-4, 6-6, 6-4, K Ludekens bit K King, 6-1, 3-6, 8-5

SNOW REPORTS Weather Temp (5pm) °C Plate resort SWITZERLAND 120 140 good ÖDEN cloud OC . 110 200 . 110 200 good open cloud (Still plenty of soft dry snow on all pistes) cloud 50 145 good open cloud -1C (Fresh layer of powder making for good skiing throughout) cloud -1C Argentiere Montgenevre 50 90 good open snow + (Good skung overall with the best at Les Gondrands) snow +1C 95 180 good open cloud +3C (Excellent upper pistes, some lower pistes heavy) AUSTRIA 50 190 good open cic (Good layer of powder on all pistes) cloud +2C 130 160 good open cloud (Very good skung in Lach-Oberlech-Zuers area) cloud a 50 110 good open cloud +1C (Good skiing with up to 160cm on glacier, 20 lifts operating) C tina d'Ampezzo 10 90 fair some fine (Upper pistes good, lower patchy and icy in pisces) ROMANIA Poiene Bresov35 40 sov35 40 fair open cloud + (Snow becoming wet because of mild temperatures) cloud: +5C

Supplied by Ski Hotlins, L and U refer to lower and upper slope

LLANELL: Weish women's Indoor singles chemptonship: Finals: Singles: R Jones (Merthyr Tydfil) bt S Froud (Vale of Glemorgen), 21-18. Peirs: L Evans and E Thomas (Swansea) bt S Procter and M Pomoroy (Cardiff), 18-14. Triples: S Britton, A Daishon, E Brown (Vale of Glamorgan) bt M Jones, J Evans, V Howell (Merthyr Tydfil), 18-16. STUDENT SPORT COMMERCIAL UNION UAU CHAMPIONSHIPS: Quarter-finals: Football: Bath 0, Southampton 3; Durham 2. Liverpool 1; Nottingham 3, UEA 0; BOXING

SALERNO, Italy: European flyweight championship: Selvatore Fanni (it, holder) drew with Dasny Porter (G8), WEMBLEY AREMA: Cruiserweight: Phil Sounder (Besäldon) bi Staws Oebome (Notlinghem), pts. Light: Roger Hunte (Leyten) bi Jason Berker (Sheffield), ret 4th Light-middle: Robert McCracken (Birminghem) bit Paul Lynch (Swansea), rac 4th Light-Silly Schwer (Lunch) kornhemas Connones (Texes), 8th. Light-middle: Andy Furlong (Hammersmith) and Gary Pemberton (Cardiff), pts. Middle: Tony Booth (Sheffleid) bit Teneo Emie (Fulhem), rac 4th.

losec, Koch suggested to Conner that he alter his boat CRICKET WORLD CUP WARM-UP MATCHES: Camberra: Pekislans 170-9 (50 overs); ACT 122 (49.2 overs). Pekisten won by 48 runs Melbourne: India v Srl Lanks — no play because of rain. Pulsekohes: Northern Districts 203-9 (K. Weglisens 60); Zimbebweens 202-8 (A Flower 54). Northern Districts won by one run. SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Partit: Queensland 207 (D M Wellem 83; J Angel 4-46); Weslem Australia 53-0. MUTARE: Tour match: Maniceland XI to provide better competition. "We still want as much competition as we can get," Koch added. "Ideally we'd like to beat Dennis by ten seconds every race. That puts tremendous pressure on the whole crew not to make

FOR THE RECORD vices Cup: Cambridge City 5, Grantham Town 0. SPANISH LEAGUE: Réal Mailorde 2, STANSON
Lografies 1.

TALIAN CUP: Quarter-finals: First leg:
Sampdofa 1, AS Roma 0; Juventus 1,
Internazionale 0; Purma 2, Genha 0.

ARLES, France: Mediterraneen Tour: Second stage: 1, O Ludwig (Ger), 3hr 46min 52sec; 2, J Nijdam (Neth); 3, M 2anoli (Neth); 4, JP van Poppel (Neth); 5, J-P Heynderfck (Bei); 6, F Moncassin (Fr), all seme time. Overall: 1, R Getz (Ger), 7hr 51min 4eer; 2, Nijdam; 3, Ludwig, both at 22.25; 4, Zanoli, 22.35; 5, J-C Colotti; 8, G De Vries (Neth), both 22.39. FOOTBALL

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Addes assistants trophy: Regional semi-final: Humberside 5, Bedfordshire 0. Addes under-15 trophy: Avon 3, Cornwall 4. Diamet under-16 trophy: Second round: Torqusy GS 3, St Joseph's, Swindon 1. Barciays under-19 cup: Second round: Carres, Stasford 1, Barnelsy Cotlege 4. Inter-county: Suffolic 0, Herdordshire 4. INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Casta Flee 0, United States 0 (b San Jose). 0, United States 0 (in San Jose). OLYMPIC QUALIFYING MATCHES: Colombia 3, Urugusy 0; Ecuador 0, Coordon S. Cugosy V. Ecoloco L. Paraguay I. EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-fines: Young At-ricens (Tan) D. El Hitel (Sudan) 0 (10-8 on penalties).

penalties).

Late results on Wednesday
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bradford City 0, Liverpool 4; Nevcastle United 1, Sheffield United 1; Rotherham United 3, Coventry City 2. Postponed: Nottingham Forest v Barneley, Second division: Burnley 3, Derby County 2, Grinsby 2, Manaffield 0; Preston North End 2, Notts County 2; Wolverhampton Wenderars 4, Oldham Athletic 1; York City 3, Hull City 0. Postponed: Hudonnillad v Dischaped; Medicalbridge v Port Visis. Huckmartind v Backpool: McGeebrugo v Port Yeas.
Hisyllité OvenDen Commination: Oxford United 1, Luten Town 0. Postponed: Brighton v Charlton: Ipswich v Reading, Wimbledon v Swindon Town.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier divielors Chappaniam Town 1, Paulion Rovers 1.
BSAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Hythe Town 1, Enth and Belveders 3 Bardays Commercial Ser-

Mark Petchev: defeated in Telford tennis

BRUSSELS: Belgian Indoor tournament: First round: I Lendi (Cz) bt P Nyborg (Swe), 67, 75, 62, J McEnroe (LS) bt R Kraycek (Neth), 36, 75, 62, J Courier (US) bt F Santoro (Fr), 62, 61, Second round: K Novacek (Cz) bt E Masso (Bel), 64, 62, S Edberg (Swe) bt J Siemarink (Neth), 75, 62, B Secker (Ger) bt P McEnroe (US), 76, 61; J Courier (US) bt H Leconte (Fr), 64, 75; G Forget (Fr) bt J McErmoe (US), 63, 62.
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LINZ, Austria: Women's tournament: First round: K Malesva (Bul) bt L Garrone (Isaly) 6-1, 6-3, N Herreman (Fr) bt S Reichtell (Austria) 6-1, 60; C Kohole-Kitsch (Ger) bt N Guerres (France) 7-5, 6-1; N Medivedeva (CS) bt L Golarsa (Ita) 6-1, 3-6, 6-0 Second round; E Manibova (Cis) bt E Zardo (Switz), 6-1, 6-4; D Monami (Bel) bt R Rejichticus (Cz), 3-6, 6-3, 6-1, MEMPHi6: Mann's tournament. Second round; A Krickstein (US) bt T Witaken (US), 7-6, 6-4; J Stotterberg (Aus) bt H

TENNIS

NEWPORT: Regal Welsh Open: Stoth round: J Wattarie (Thal) bt D Reynolds (Eng) 5-0; G Wildmann (Eng) bt D (Eng) 5-0; S-1; S-1; S-1; Sent) bt T Griffiths (Walse), 5-1; Quarter-final: D

Backing a Eubank rematch: Sherry, left, and Benn hope victory will bring second clash with champion Sherry a potent brew for Benn

> gon has it. A few seconds later a smiling Mr Hearn was seen giving Benn a nudge and a wink.
> "Nice one, Nige," Hearn

☐ Derek Williams, the Commonwealth heavyweight champion, will train with Angelo Dundee, Muhammad Ali's mentor, in Miami before a proposed bout with Lennox

Lewis in early April.
He will fly out to Florida shortly. Lewis is hoping this will be the first of a three-bout

HOCKEY

Hightown pursue European fame

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF WITH a sixth national title secured at the weekend. Hightown will see today

whether they can mount a serious challenge for the European women's indoor championship in Russelsheim, Germany. It is the Liverpool club's first venture into Europe and they travel with the confidence of knowing that however they fare, they are guaranteed a place in the competition next season. Hightown open their challenge tonight against Glas-

gow Western, the Scottish champions, who have lost five players to the Great Britain training weekend at Hightown's indoor success has been guided by their cap-

tain and coach, Maggie Souvave, who is also the England indoor coach. "We have no prima donnas," Souyave

said yesterday. "The squad have a tremendous attitude towards the way they prepare themselves, their whole heart is involved in what they are

John Christie, of NMP Menzieshill, and Ian Jennings, of St Albans, are likely to emerge as the principal influences at the finals of the European men's B division championship, which starts

this morning in Vienna. Christie has scored 64 goals in guiding Menzieshill to a Scottish league and cup double while Jennings netted seven goals in St Albans' fifth successive cup triumph. Menzieshill and St Albans look destined to contest Sun-

day's final, which would secure both a place in the A division next season. The Scots have the easier passage against White Star, of Belgium. Slagelse, of Denmark, Bohemians, of Czechoslovakia and Team Tensta, of

St Albans will meet another British side, Cardiff, but as WAC, of Austria, Roma and Marathon, of Yugoslavia, are also highly experienced sides, the Welsh champions may find a place in the semi-final beyond their reach.

Norman is back in swing

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Leading football administrator to lose his job

Football League dismisses its chief executive

ONE footballing chief executive has lost his job and the position of a second could be on the line this morning. A seven-hour meeting of the Football League management committee yesterday ended growing speculation Arthur Sandford will leave in

Sandford is staying until the annual meeting on June 6, when it is expected that the first division dubs will leave to form the Premier League. That may yet depend on the outcome of this morning's Premier League meeting at Lancaster Gate, when the position of the acting chief executive, Rick Parry, will be

A straw poll suggests that it will be touch and go for Parry, with a third of the clubs refusing to discuss confirming his appointment until after the end of the season. If they win the day, it seems likely that Parry will resign. That would almost certain-

ly mean Sir John Quinton, the new league's non-executive chairman, would feel honour-bound to go with him. In its turn, that would effectively end any chance of the Premier League starting next season. That knowledge may concentrate minds and tip the balance in Party's

There was no such pressure to support Sandford, who has had an eventful two years in office. "I have not taken up the job to preside over the

ball League," Sandford said soon after beginning work. That is precisely what has happened, although to apportion much blame to the hapless chief executive would

Forced upon an unwilling president, the late Bill Fox, who wanted the Professional Footballers Association chief executive Gordon Taylor, he quickly found himself in an almost impossible position. Although an excellent administrator for Nottingham Council, he lacked the background knowledge, the ruth-lessness and the flair for public relations necessary to survive in the football jungle.

It is questionable, though, whether any chief executive could have held the League together with a group of first division clubs, among them the richest and most powerful, set on vengeance for their defeat by the have-nots in the aftermath of the 1988 television negotiations, when David Dein and Sir Philip Carter were voted off the management committee.

The departure of the first division clubs dearly means that the League will have to live in straitened circumstances, and Sandford's £85,000 a year post is the first to be sacrificed. There may yet be other victims.

The administration of the Football League must be slimmed down to take account of the smaller number of clubs, Gordon McKeag, the president, said yesterday. It is believed that Sandford

the order of £200,000, small beer by Burton or banking

As part of the agreement reached with his solicitor yes-terday, Sandford is unable to comment publicly, but there is little doubt that he realised his position had become

If, as seems likely, Parry wins his case this morning, he may discover he has inherited a poisoned chalice. For the moment, though, the main issue is whether the Premier League clubs accept the compromise Parry reached two weeks ago with the Football League over promotion and relegation, with four teams due to be relegated and two promoted in 1995. That will probably be acceptable, aithough there will undoubtedly be suggestions that it

hould happen more quickly. For some clubs, greater in-terest will be concentrated on the progress report on TV negotiations. As well as BBC, ITV and BSkyB, Parry has been having discussions with a Swiss bank representing a consortium including leading independent production companies. Figures of £100 million a year have been quoted for exclusive rights. with the games being shown on a soccer only satellite station. The figures may be inflated and a much smaller price from existing channels seems much more likely to be accepted in the end.



Tout's prospects improve

FROM CHRIS MOORE IN LA PLAGNE

MARK Tout's hopes of an Olympic bobsleigh medal rose yesterday when he was one of the fastest in training for the two-man event at La Plagne tomogrow and Suri-

Tout is more favoured for the four-man event next week, but both he and Nick Phipps. among the quickest drivers in the final two-man training ession; in fact, Tout was leading when heavy snow forced the abandonment of the second run.

Tout, aged 31, a corporal in the Second Royal Tank Regiment, said: "I've twice been in the position of winning the race in this year's World Cup, so I've got to fancy my chances here, if I do

Tony Nash, the only British bobber to win an Olympic medal after driving his brakeman, Robin Nixon, to the gold at Innsbruck in 1964, said last night: "It will all

harder to keep calm."

The bobsleighs of today bear little resemblance to those of Nash's era. The cowling, formerly constructed of fibreglass, is now made of Keviar, the "space-age plas-tic"; the design is tested in wind tunnels to achieve the iciency; and the steel runners are made of various compounds for use on different

The crews are top-class athletes in their own right. But the two most famous competiyou cannot afford to drop one

tors this weekend are far removed from their usual environment. Prince Albert. of Monaco, driving the principality's No. 2 sled, is the only member of the International Olympic Committee competing at these Games. Then, there is Herschel Walk-

er, the Minnesota Vikings' 220lb running back, reckoned to be the fastest American football player for his size. Britain's interest in the

sport we invented does not.

Her strength is the slalom,

problems in the first run," she

said. "In the second I made a mistake but managed to cor-

rect it." Although the men's

and women's combined have

Peter Brugnani, the former British champion brakeman, is Jamaican, second only to Eddle Edwards in the novelty stakes at the Calgary Olym-pics. Larry Tracey, from Marlow, who founded the Irish Bobsleigh Association five years ago, is with the first Irish team to compete at the Winter Games - and it includes two past Olympians. Pat McDonagh rowed for freland in the 1980 and 1988 Games, while his

John Reeve and John Foster. the British expatriates who founded the Virgin Islands bobsleigh team, are here, as is a former British champion, Gomer Lloyd, the coach of the Canadians.

brakeman, Terry McHugh,

And should anything go wrong, there is the former British team manager, Mo Hammond, who is the presi-dent of the Olympic bobsleigh jury. It should be quite a party tomorrow night if Tout or Phipps come good.

disciplines have the British

. It was not until last month

that the thought of taking

part in the Olympics entered

Carrick-Anderson's head; but her rapid rise — beating the

Austrians on their own

ground at the Steiermark re-

said. What began as a hobby

is now serious stuff and her

other interest, playing the saxaphone, has been put to

In skiing, at least, she is

beginning to hit the high

her in line for selection.

somely rewarded.

one side.

fared better.

Roumat again BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT THE French selectors sprang a surprise not only on Eng-

France

ignore

land, whom they meet in the five nations' rugby union championship at the Parc des Princes here tomorrow, but on their own followers when

they confirmed their XV

Olivier Roumas, the Dax giant whose introduction as a replacement against Wales a fortnight ago contributed so signally to their lineout, was omitted. Instead the man he replaced. Christophe Mougeot, who has made a dramati cally swift recovery from a strained calf muscle, retains his place at lock, with a new partner, Marc Cecillon; he moves from No. 8 to replace Jean-Marie Cadieu, which allows the South African-born Andries van Heerden, of

Tarbes, to win his first cap. Pierre Berbizier, the French coach, seems to be playing a game of car-andnouse; England restored Dean Richards at No. 8 partly to counter the strength off the back row of Cecilion, so Berbizier moves the Bourgoin loose forward to the second row and introduces van Heerden, who has a height and mobility advantage on Richards.

What van Heerden, aged 30 and a native of Western Province lacks, however, is Richards's tactical perception and experience. But Ber bizier, whose players trained at the Chateau Ricard near Clairefontaine to the south of Paris yesterday, believes that Cecilion and Mougeot bring complementary qualities to his pack and said of van Heerden: "Dries is a complete player who can win lineout ball and take part in the dynamic phases of the

"He can control ball at the back of the scrum, too. He has done so at chub level; now he must show he can do so at a higher level." Berbizier admitted the move was specifically designed against England, who, he believes, now constitute the reference point for any northern-hemisphere team: "They have come to maturity and can now devel-

op a complete game," he said. "It will be instructive for our young team to measure itself against them. We are here to try and change the hierarchy and to find our place. But we are at a learning stage, we are trying to discover the capacity of this

Both team managements are agreed that any bad feeling engendered during the World Cup quarter-final in Paris last October is behind them. Geoff Cooke, England's manager, said that there would be no need to remind the team of the need for discipline.

"Self-discipline leads to team discipline which means minimising opportunities for the opposition," he said. "If we deny France penalties as well as the ball they will find it very difficult to score."

gional slalom and giant sla-lom championships — put Suggestions that this may be a revenge match for last The decision to include her. October have come more from England's side of the at a time when the British Olympic Association has Channel than the French. sought higher standards for selection, has been handwho seem determined to demonstrate a new page had been turned. "In a race I will always give everything," Carrick-Ander-son, a Scot from Dunblane,

Deen turned.
FRANCE - Ja Lationd (Racing Club); P
Saba-Andre (Montiemand), P Salia (Agen,
captain), F Meanel (Recing Club), S Viere
(Bring), A Pensual (Brine), F Geithle
(Colomisca); G Lescube (Agen), V
Moscato (Regies), P Gimbert (Regies), J-F
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Club), A van Hearden (Tarbea), Repleasments: J-L Sadourny (Colomers), P
Montisur (Agen), A Hueber (Lourdes), P
Gallart (Beziere), O Roumati (Dau), J-M
Casileu (Toulouse).

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Opening made for Ardiles

THE Plymouth Argyle chairman, Dan McCauley, will try to persuade Osvaldo Ardiles. dismissed by Newcastle earli-McCauley said. er this month, to take over as

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manager at Home Park. McCauley created a vacancy yesterday when, with the backing of the three-man board, he got rid of David Kemp, who became the club's eighteenth managerial casualty in just over 30 years.

weeks or longer.

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

"I was reluctant to get rid of David but ... the time had come for change. He took the decision like a gentleman,"

Plymouth, fourth from bottom of the second division with 16 games of the season remaining, have not won in their last four outings and the crowd was down to 4,200 for "We decided enough was

enough," McCauley said. "The home defeat against Cambridge was David's last

> We need points, we need to avoid relegation and we need to entertain. David Kemp's style of football is not what the supporters want.

would have the team playing football again and, hopefully, the supporters would return. In the meantime, Kemp's essistant, Alan Gillett, and the youth-team manager. Gordon Nisbet, will handle team affairs.

"Someone like Ardiles

Torquay United, who also approached Ardiles — he turned them down — have asked the former Yugoslav international defender, Ivan Golac, to manage them until the end of the season. Torquay have been without a manager since the dismissal of John Impey last October. Aldershot, who are on the

brink of bankruptcy, will fulfil their fixture at Doncaster tomorrow. Supporters have agreed to sponsor the team coach, pay for the players' lunches and meet their

The players have not been paid since December 13 but have agreed to carry on for the time being.

John Barnes, Liverpool's international winger, is to spend the next few days receiving intensive treatment for a calf injury at the rehabilitation centre at Lilleshall, amid mounting speculation that he may not be fit enough to win a place in England's squad for this summer's European championship finals



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come down to how he handles the pressure of the occasion. "In Olympic competition,

lota." Nash said. "You have got to produce the best four runs of your life, one after the other, and if you are in the picture overnight after the first two runs, the pressure

Skier bridges the age barrier the two runs after placing 33rd in Wednesday's been staged only four times each, rarely in the traditional

FROM DAVID POWELL IN MERIBRI.

THE name, with the hyphen, was British enough, but the trian. Emma Carrick-Anderson, sweet 16 but ferociously competitive, yesterday skied ahead of her years to give Britain hope that its first Olympic alpine medal may be only two winters away. Carrick-Anderson, the

youngest member of the Brit-ish Olympic team in any sport at the sixteenth Winter Games, attained the best ever finish by a Briton, man or woman, in the combined discipline of downhill and slalom. Her seventeenth place was solid reward for the trouble she has gone to in order to become world-class.

Of those ahead of her only Morena Gallizo, aged 18, from Italy, bridged the age gap: the rest were in the twenties. "I am looking forward to the next Olympics in Lillehammer in 1994,".Car-rick-Anderson said. "I would really like to go for a medal." The closest so far is Gina though she is fearless on the Hathom's fourth in slalom in downhill. "I did not have any

This is not idle talk. Carrick-Anderson is a deter-mined girl. While Petra Kronberger, the favourite, and Anita Wachter, the defending champion, took gold and silver for Austria, the Briton's reputation is grow-ing there too. At 15 she per-suaded her parents to send-her to school in Austria and

has been making it count.
"I want to be a World Cup-racer and I knew it would be hard living in Britain." she said. "Mum and dad realised. how much I wanted to go and

eventually gave in."

She spoke with a glow from under the bobblehat she had worn inside her helmet to help keep out the wet on the falling snow during yester-day's slalom. She had finished thirteenth and eighth in



Carrick-Anderson: best yet

Commonwealth Games may bring in cricket

BY DAVID MILLER

DISCUSSIONS are taking place between the Commonwealth Games Federation and the International Cricket Council (ICC) for the inclusion of a limited-overs tournament in the Commonwealth Games programme.

Such an event would excit-ingly strengthen the ailing Friendly Games — too often nore the Political Games which have been damaged by the increasing non-appearance of prominent athletes. Progress has been delayed because neither side in the negotiation has properly un-

derstood the administration or structure of the other. Though it would be ideal for cricket to be included in the next Games at Victoria. British Columbia, in 1994, the probability is that it would appear at either Adelaide or Kuala Lumpur, the candidates to host 1998.

The proposal for cricker's introduction was initially mooted at last year's meeting of heads of government in Harare. It has been clear for some time that the Commonwealth Games need an injection if they are to survive financially. The attraction of cricket is obvious. The sport

would draw substantial crowds and would run throughout the duration of the event. It would add bigsport prestige to a Games dominated, agreeably, but provincially, by sports less spectator-orientated.

The problems are many: primarily the availability of players and the age level of entry. It would not be practical to consider the involvement of Test players, in England and elsewhere as they are already committed for much of the year. An under-23 or under-21 competition seems more likely. Sir Colin Cowdrey, presi-

dent of the ICC, is in favour. There are a great many difficulties," he said yesterday, "but the proposal has a good feel about it." Alan Smith, secretary of the Cricket Council, said that the matter was on the agenda of a meeting in July, but emphasised that Test players would not

be in the running. Norman Sarsfield, chairman of the England Commonwealth Games Council, wrote initially, and misguid-edly, to MCC to raise the issue. His letter partially compromises the proposal by saying that England is not in favour of the inclusion of

team sports. This is flying in the face of the evidence. He further confused the issue by saying that cricket might be included, if not in the official Games then as part of the inaugural Commonwealth championship of recognised sports. This is mere technical jargon to the ICC. The proposal will delight

the majority of cricket countries Australia, New Zea-land, India, Pakistan, Canada, Barbados, Jamaica, Trinidad and the many smaller countries who take part in the Games. Joe Buzagio, chairman of the ICC's associate members, is

also in full approval, as is Sir Arthur Gold, former chairman of the England Commonwealth Council. "Cricket is a generic Commonwealth sport, and I very much like the idea." Sir Arthur said yesterday. "It is also good because cricket has dissociated itself from the political camp, which too often has been the focus of the Commonwealth Games."

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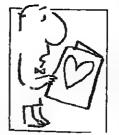
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France ignore Roumal again

How much longer can Britain keep left?

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VALENTINES From piggypoo to puddleduck: two pages of unbridled love

ALAN WELLER

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Red roses for a smart lady

THE VALERIE **GROVE** INTERVIEW



The indefatigable Marilyn Ouayle talks about being married to

> America's vice-president

asked Marilyn Quayle have you most admired? thinking of Nancy and Barbara, Pat, Betty, Rosalynn, Lady Bird, Jackie and Mamie ... but the Second Lady ignored all contemporary examples. "Abigail Adams," she

Now this could be extremely significant. Abigail, who married John Adams, the second president of the United States, in 1764, was a very remarkable matriarch. She had considerable political fluence over her husband. She shared official duties with him. She was a preacher's daughter with bold rather than beautiful eatures, noted for her poise, intelligence and spirit. An independent woman who supported female education and equal rights for blacks. Adams tended to be self-deprecating and a worrier. He depended on Abigail's managerial skills: she ran their farm and saved him from financial ruin. They had five children, one — John Quincy Adams — a future president. Her husband was her equal and her friend. "Their parmership proved as perfect as any recorded in the annals of matrimony," declares her biographer. The Adamses' love letters were famously uninhibited for 18th-century Puritan New Englanders: "You can tell", Mrs Quayle says, "it was a true partner-

The Quayles do not need to write letters: their White House office suites almost adjoin and they are in constant touch on the interoffice phone. Quayle & Quayle is what they called their law practice

'I'd go to

press

paper and

when they mar-ried, and Quayle & Quayle they re-main. "We're married, we talk!" she says. Why do people find this interdependence odd?

A political wife of this kind gets rit-ually labelled, by mostly male commentators, ambitious, Interfering. dominating, the In politics, only the silent spouse (De-Thatcher.

Norma Major) or the totally supportive one for the peccant (Mmes Parkinson, Clinton, Ashdown) is the acceptable norm. Any other kind may suffer from Glenys Kinnock syndrome.

Mrs Quayle calls it a "collegial" relationship. "When you start out working together on an equal footing as colleagues, as most professional couples do, you continue like that. That was the way our marriage was built from the beginning and to us it's not unusual. Both my parents were doctors they talked about medical issues together. You need that sounding board back and forth and you respect your spouse's "If any man asks me," she says,

"are you smarter or brainier than your husband I say, well who's smarter in your marriage? It's

such a presumption."

At the US ambassador's residence in Regent's Park, in the room with Walter Annenberg's Chinese wallpaper, Mrs Quayle appears to have every natural advantage. She is tall, with good legs, good teeth often on display in the widers of smiles and the the widest of smiles and the luminous complexion of an athletic 42-year-old accustomed to running three miles a day. "I ran in Geneva yesterday," she says, "and I shall run at home in Washington tomorrow." She laughs often — her Secret Service codename is "Springtime" — but tears may dart to her eyes if you harp on the old "goofy" stories about her husband. When the trashing began in 1988, she was painted as an icy, formidable



A woman with every natural advantage: Marilyn Quayle in the US ambassador's residence in Regent's Park. She has none of Nancy Reagan's glazed winsomeness, is no "mommy taking care of her little boy"

've always been committed to.

You can really can get a point across because you've lived it." In

1990 she herself went into hos-

pital with a pre-cancerous cervical

condition, which necessitated a

hysterectomy. She is now an expert on cancer research and

woman who had abandoned a ophy for raising children. We had brilliant legal career to stage- an instant rapport." manage her husband's ascent.

But now there has been a watershed, as she sees it. The American press has begun to rehabilitate the Quayles, notably in a series of articles last month by Bob Woodward and David S Broder in The Washington Post, a paper which formerly revelled in bumbling Dan Quayle stories. The writers looked back on her reputation as the amarter Quayle, a manipulator, a perfectionist, dedicated keeper of the Quayle image. They cited examples. A. campaign commercial had ended with a freeze frame of Dan Quayle

in front of trees. Mrs Quayle re-jected it on the excellent grounds that the branches stuck out of his head like antiers. conferences, Another time she scribbled on, and then tore up, a picture of Quayie then read the playing golf because it gave wonder if I'd him a paunch.

been at the she asks. But of such trivial tales, same thing' are myths created She is compared to Nancy Reagan, yet she has none of that glazed winsomeness; she is

not a mommy taking care of her

little boy. So this week, when the Quayles had 24 hours in London, while Dan Quayle sat in a radio van talking to Brian Redhead (and acquitting himself well and goodhumouredly, as he had with Peter Snow on Newsnight) before seeing the prime minister and Neil Kinnock, Marilyn Quayle was heading east through mean streets to visit a school for the deaf in Chingford, Essex. She always visits such schools on her travels, to answer the children's questions ("Have you met the Queen?") and observe how computers have revolutionised life for deaf child-

ren since her own deaf sister. Sally, was at her special school. The Quayles met and married within ten weeks. "A friend introduced us one Saturday night, and that Monday morning he walked into a meeting I was having on legislative reforms for the Indiana, and we laughed because my job was to rewrite the laws for the attorney general, and his job was to make sure I did it right for the governor. On this crash work, we got to know each other. We just had fun together. Yes, he is very nice looking and I. think he gets better looking as he gets older, but I just liked the way he tackled issues. My parents had given me certain guidelines on marriage. They pointed out that some things would make life easier similar beliefs and background, definitely the same sense; of humour, and the same philos-

Marilyn Tucker was one of four sisters and two brothers in a Godfearing Presbyterian family. Her father, a pulmonary disease specialist, still works at 80. Marilyn was to be a hotshot lawyer. She had her first baby induced two weeks early so she could take her law exams. (Two British women who took their Bar finals in the year they had their first babies are Margaret Thatcher and the new DPP, Barbara Mills.) But three children and Quayle's senate cam-paigns overtook her until the youngest child was seven and she decided to get back to work: "We

lenew we'd soon have two children in college and we'd need two incomes. At this point George Bush called and put Dan on his ticket; so Marilyn's career was kiboshed again. For the VP's wife to practise as a lawyer in Washington would be impossible under federal ethics; she could have had her husband's senate seat, but that 100 seemed fraught with problems. "It was Catch 22," she says. Instead she has carved a professional niche in social causes that are neither glamorous nor fashionable but personal commit-ments to her, like the deaf because of her sister - and breast

mammography. When Mrs Carter's social secretary was dying of cancer Mrs Quayle spent her last nights in hospital with her. She raises millions for research, organising the Race For the Cure. a sponsored run in Washington.
"Of course I run. So does the vicecancer, because her mother died Silly Quayle jokes were made, inevitably, when she was appointed to the UN council for Natural Disaster Reduction. But at least one can imagine Mrs Quayle visiting disaster-stricken areas such as Bangladesh without squirming. During last year's G7 talks, when all the "wives of" were here at play, she was to be seen on the Thames on an antique firefighting barge. Fire-fighting is another of her interests, since the day in her childhood when a propane gas explosion devastated a packed stadium in Indianapolis during an ice show. "It was a true disaster. The city was just not

> "I was 14 and it made a big impression on me." How exhausting it all sounds, to be a politician's wife and a perfect mom and still anguish over what the press might say. Was it not enough that she coached her children's soccer teams, quilted their Hallowe'en costumes, ca-joled them into planting a vegetable garden, never shirked her PTA duties? Her press aide assures me that the Quayle children - Tucker is 17, Benjamin 15, Corinne 12 - are unusually wellbehaved, and have dinner with their parents every night at seven. This woman, she skis, she rides she roller-skates, she plays tennis.

prepared. There were 26 fatalities

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enough ambulances or emergency personnel to cope." Her parents were involved at the hospital: her

16-year-old brother drove people

on stretchers in his station wagon.

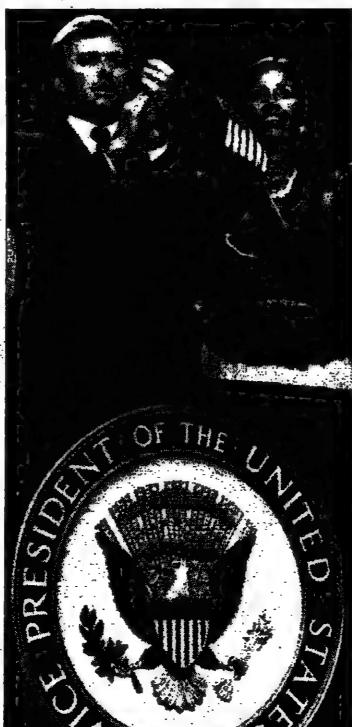
she cuts her own hair. Just to be truly maddening, she has also co-written a thriller with her sister Nancy. It is called Embrace the Serpent, out this spring. I wondered if it would rock Washington (Washington is for-ever being rocked by some novel) but she said it contains nothing that could have been gleaned from federal government. "It's about the four days after Castro's death, and the jockeying for power world-wide to take over the island," she says. "It could be prescient."

Still she must grit her teeth when asked if she choreographs her husband's public appearances. "Look. He doesn't need any directing. He's fabulous. He doesn't need anyone to tell him natural I used to go to press conferences and then read the paper and wonder if I'd been at the same thing. All those people just looking for things to make him look bumbling. Ignoring all he'd achieved in 12 years in the

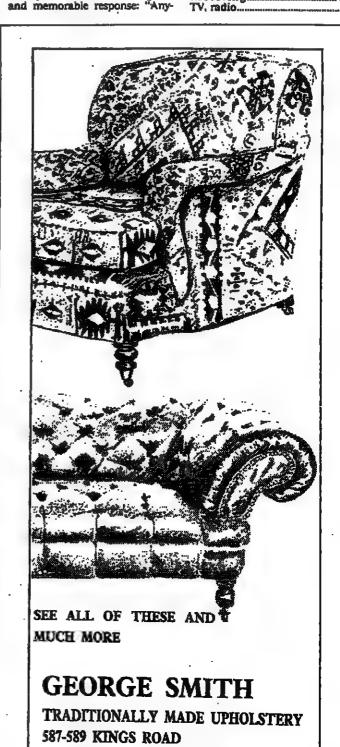
She approves of Chris Patten's view that if a politician parades his family around, he becomes fair game, and to her credit, when a potentially scandalmongering story once broke that Quayle and some Congress colleagues had shared a weekend cottage with a comely blonde, she made a game

what to do. He's able, and a body who knows Dan Quayle than have sex any day." St Valentine's day postscript: every year on their anniversary, Quayle sends her one red rose for each year of marriage: it will be 20 roses in November, the crucial month when Marilyn Quayle could be a step nearer following in Abigail Adams's tough old bootsteps.

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Quayle and Quayle: continuing their "collegial" relationship



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GISELLE: Nicota Roberts, a first soloist with the Royal Bellet, makes her debut in the greatest of all Flomentic parts when she dences the title role in parts when she cances the title role in tomorrow's matinite performance. Stuart Cessidy also makes his Covent Garden debut as Albrecht, the anistocratic lover who betrays her in tomorrow's evening performance, the Kirov bellerina Altyhail Asylmurationa is partnered by the Royal's newest principal, Zoltan Solymool. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden London WC2 (071-240 1066), tomorro 1.10cm and 7.30cm.

ADZIDO: The Pan African dans insemble presents the London memiere of its latest work, Siye Golf, which means "we are going to Johannesburg — the City of Gold". The work re-enects the ancestral "Feest of Return", a time when the dead and benished come back to recount their past. The show features a cast of over To democra and divergers. Sedier's Wells Theatre, Rosebary Avenue, London SC1 (071-278 8816),

LA TRAVIATA: Revival of Nuts. Expect's 1989 production of Ven LA TRAWATA: Revived of hurs Expert's 1989 production of Verd's tragic tate, originally a joint venture between Sociatish Opera and Macird's Teatro Lirico Nacional in Zarzusela. Katherine Twaddie rise takan over Espert's direction for the current run, in Teatro Yuman constacts a Cast which includes Anne Williams-King as Violetta, Misselt Torzowski as Alfredo, Jason Howard as Germoni, Sareh Pring as Flore and Grant Filchards as Geston. Theatre Royal, Hope Street, Glasgow (041-332 9000), tomorrow, 2.15pm.

☐ 'ALLO, 'ALLO: Gordon Keye and his team of funny frogs and knauts up to their familiar antice.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 562) Mon-Thurs, Born, Fri, Sat, 5:30pm and 8:30pm.

BECKET: Feating performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindsay in Anguilh's play on the relationship between Thomas & Backet and Harry II. Theatre Royal, Heymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed,

Sat, 3pm. 165mins. ☐ LA BETE: Bravura performance by , BETE: Bravura performance Cumming in a strange Molièn dy: eccentric but claver. : Hammersmith, King Straet.

CAESAR AND CLEDPATRA: AMO McCower and Arranda Root in disappointingly flat version of Shaw's anti-romantic drama. Greenwich, Croom's Hill, SE10 (061-888 7755). Mon-Set, 7.45pm, mat 3at, Cham 15 printer.

THE COTTON CLUB: An Impression of the Hartem night-spot: high on energy, low on story freshness. Aldwych, The Aldwych, WCZ (971-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7-30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2-30pm, Sat, 4pm, 160mins.

☐ THE CUTTING: Intriguing two-hander by Measeen O'Brien between a allent prisoner on a musder rep and a psychiatrist. Fine performances. Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3389), Mon-Set, Spm. 120mine

DANCING AT LUCHNASA: BIE Priof's Olivier Award-winning memory-pley, set in 1930s Donegel, Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (971-494 5065) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mate Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

FATH HEALER: Stirring performances in Brien Frie"s early play (lour monologues) exploring a healer's doubts and sporadic powers. Royal Court, Stoans Square, 8W1 (271-730 1745). Mon-Sal, Spm. met Set, 4pm. 205mins. Final week.

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THE LUNATIC (15): Helly German

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adventure. Underwhelming, but
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WEEKEND EVENTS

A deliy guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

INTERNATIONAL OPERA GALA: A gittering assembly of vocal tablest should prove especially attractive and put a bit of sparide into Covent Garden's paticity opera season. It includes Thomas Allen, Withelmonia Fernandez, Jerry Hadlay, Rosalind Plowright, Carol Vaneas, Serah Walter, Dernis O'Nelfs and Karita Nettille. It is a fund interior opposite to Datish Variety. fund-raising concert for British Yourti Opers, the organisation founded four years ago to give young professional singera e piet Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), Sun,

MARKUS STOCKHAUSEN; The BICH modernist composer's son gives a solo trumpet concert which includes extracts from his father's opera Donnerstag eus Licht and sections from Situs and Gesung der Jünglinge. Expect stunning virtuesity – bott discplined and imprevisatory. Pricents Arts Centre, Newstre Street, Loscets (USSS 554154). Jondott, Bpril, Cueen Etzeberth Hulf, Scuth Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8900), tomorrow, 7 45cm.

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THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London House full, returns only Some seats available ☐ Seats at all prices

millioneire (Tony Doyle) into the new Gligh in Tom Murphy's powerful lable. Almeide, Almeide Street, N1 (071-359

El GOOD POCKIN' TONITE Satisfying musical celebrating Fifties and Sixtles pop classics. Great stuff. Strand, Aldwych, WCz (071-240 0300). Mon-Thurs, Bpm, Fri, Set, 5.30pm and 8.30pm 215mins.

[] THE LITTLE CLAY CART: Disappointingly charmiess version of what could have been an inspiring garages of classical Indian theatre. National (Cottestoe), South Bank, 8E1 (071-929 2252), Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm. THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III:

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THE RIDE DOWN MT MORGAN: AT THE VIEWE LOWER NET MORGANY.
Arthur Miller's disappointingly onesided play where Tom Conti argues
the case for bigarny.
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WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7-30pm,
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Nell as an ageing mether's boy sucked
into love, violence and accidental
murder. Teaty black comedy from new
Australian director John Rivere. Marcher, 1 any class control in the mark Australian director John Rusne. Cannone: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-656 6146)

DELICATESSEN (16): French video włazzkick Jeunet and Caro's wonderfully bizarra tentasy ebout a houseful of tenents fiving above a canobaltatic batcher. With Dominique Management and Carona Statement (18) and the car cannibalistic butcher. With Dominique Pinon, Marie-Laure Dougnac. Cennons: Chalses (071-352 5066) Tottenham Court Road (071-838 5148)

Metro (071-437 0757) Screen Gil Baker Street (071-935 2772) FOR THE BOYS (15): Song-and-dance team entertain troops in three wars, unit to be rulned by a synthetic script. With Bette Midler, James Casn; director, Mark Rydell.
Odsons: Kensington (0425 914895)
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FRANKIE AND JOHNNY (15):
Short-order cook (Al Pacino) courtil 6
wary waitness (Michelle Pletin)
Synthetic adaptation of Terrenol
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Marshell. (071-306 (881)) Carrion Fulham Road (071-370 2635) Empire (071-497 9989) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

The Light Fantastic and Michael Berkeley's Clerinat Concerto (with Between's Course to what Emms Johnson). There is also David Matthews's Introlf, Bariok's Divertimento for strings and Kurt Well's Second Symphony, argustby is instrumental masterplace, which he composed in 1933. This concert is matterial of the Earthean Islaid on cented at the Serbicum Heli on

Monday. Civic Theatre, Chalmeterd (0245 495028), Sun, 7.30pm. HALLE: Peter Frankl joins Stanislev Skroweczowski and the Hallé in a solid evening of Brahms. He tackles the mountainous solo per in the First Plano Concerto, and attempted tha Concerto, and atterwards the orchestra gets to grips with the tough but inspiring Fest Sympliany. Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester (061-834 1712), Sun,

SEAL: The rock star of the house generation gives a one-off charity performance with his band (and guests) on Valentine's Day to raise funds for the Aids Crisis Trust. Hammersmith Odson, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (081-748 4081),

JUNE TABOR: The exceptional folk singer is well worth catching at this intimate venue. Although she has recently enjoyed a more up-tempo, rockler image with the Cyster Band, she is at her best, as here, with minima esconparament. Isokson's Lane Community Centre, Isokson's Lane, London N6 (061-340) 1265), hericitow, 80m,

of Duke Ellington. Obvious routines cannot disguise the true rueful Duko. Globe, Snaftsebury Avenue, W1 (07-494 5055). Mon-Fri, 8-m, Sat, 8-30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

☐ A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two plantate in Biosoble tribute to Cole Porter's wit and wry metodies. Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9967). Mon-Frt, 8pm, Sat, 6.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm, 140mins.

ETALKING HEADS: Provide Routledos and Alan Bennett excellent Portledge and Alen Bennett excellen three of his monologues charting the unconscious humour and pain of desolate Eves. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat. Spm, mate Wed, 3pm, 3at, 4pm, 150mins.

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EL A TRIBUTE. TO THE BILLIES BROTHERS: Lively parade of funeful oldes. Good fun. Whitamail. Whitamail. SW1 (071-867 1119). Mort Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat, 8.15pm and Spm. 120mins.

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LONG RUNNERS: Marpects of Love: Prince of Wales (U71-838 1872). M Blood Brothers: Phoenix (071-867 1044). M Buddy: Victoria Palace (U71-834 1817). C Carmen Jones: Old Vic (U71-928 7816). Cats: New London (U71-405 0072). Don't Dress for Dinner: Apolio (U71-494 5070). El Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (U71-494 5045). Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dresmoost: Palladium (U71-484 1007). El Me and My Girt: Adelphi (U71-836 7611). M Les Misérables: Palace (U71-434 6095). M Bliss Salgon: Theetre Royel, Drury Lane (U71-494 5400). The Mousetrap: 8t Martin's (U71-836 1445). M The Pharstom of the Opera: Har Majesty's (U71-494 5400). Fastum to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (U71-879 8299). El Startight Exprese: Apolio Victoria (U71-828 8665).

Thunderbirds F. A.B. — The Next Generation: Ambassadors (U71-838 811). M The Woman in Black: Fortune (U71-836 2365).

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HORE LA VIE (15): Meaterly account of a French hostage's lite in the lumnol of Behruf. Sturring hippolyte disordot; director, Meroun Bagded. Cannoth Tottenhain Court Road (971-

ie JFK (15): Cliver Storelle contentious, electrifying, three-hour drama exout the Kennody segssellation, Kevin Costner es crusading D.A. Ilm Garrison; à buell segonifico cast. orusading D.A. Jim Gernson; a busining supporting cast. Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Carriers Parkway (071-267 7034) Carriers Parkway (071-369 3037) 2535 Shaftsebury Avenue (071-354 0051) NGM Trocadure (071-454 0051) Noting Hill Coronet (071-727 8705) Plaza (071-487 9099) Screen on the Green (071-225 3530) Whiteleys (071-762 3532).

EET (149): N droil, farcical, award-winning comedy about a North London family's ups and downs. Starring Allson Steedmen. Premiere (971-489 4470).

LITTLE MAN TATE (PG): How and how not to near a child prodigy. An engaging young player (Adam Harm Byrd) and assessing direction (Jodie Foster) easily offset the facile moments. moments. Odeon Kerusington (0425 814665) Whiteleya (071-782 3532).

SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS (U): Disney's last full largth carbon (1937). Overly cuts at times, but still a mast for children and this young at heart. Carnons: Chelesa (071-382 6096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-634 0031) Odeone: Kenstington (0426 914686) Mezzanin (0426 915683) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

URGA (PG): Nikita Mikhalkov's meanersing film about civilisation encreaching on the Mongolian steppes. The top prizewinner at last year's Venica Film Festival Curzon Mayfair (071-465 6866).

equivalent for the expressionist LES VALSEUSES (18) Gérard
Depardieu and Patrick Deveare in 1974,
as two lads with Idle hands. Timely
revival of Bertrand Bler's feroclous,
amoral, snook-cocking 1974 romp.
Cannon Piccadilly (071–437 3561). keyword "Geschrei".
The "Geschrei" - of rage, fear, lamentation, ecstasy — comes out of people in extremis. In myriad forms it dominates Rihm's opera, though

Rum cocktail is worth a tipple

HEATH

Valdorama Latchmere

THIS is rum stuff. To describe Peter Oswald's new verse play as a mixture of The Family Reunion and The Avengers hardly does justice to a much richer and more bizarre cocktail, in which I detected traces of Racine, Shakespearian comedy and Evelyn Waugh. But the rummest thing of all is that it works, it really works.

In the end echoes or influences are irrelevant, because Oswald has the priceless gift of dramatic speech. The play's rich, inventive, quirky, uneven. sometimes affected language makes that springing leap from stage to audience which I was beginning to despair of experiencing in the London theatre. This is surely one of the most

interesting pieces of new writing seen on the Fringe in years.

Bare description of the plot is not likely to illuminate the qualities which make this an exceptional evening. Valdorama, for a start, is not one of those Spanish golf courses where Seve Ballesteros gives master-classes, but a model agent of reptilian sliminess into whose clutches the fair Ivy has fallen, lured by his promise to make her the most famous model in the world. Ivy, however, is pregnant by Mark Meadow, an upper class English actor who has just found fame and early death in Hollywood. The plot revolves around the unborn child, which Ivy is prepared to

sacrifice to her career but which the creepy-comic Meadow family see as their last hope of dynastic survival.

A more relevant Spanish name than Ballesteros might be Calderon. for there were moments in which I was reminded of Golden Age Spanish drama. Moral dilemmas, high flown poetic imagery, abrupt shifts from high life to low life: all these are here. but the result is a good deal funnier (usually intentionally) than Calderón. In fact tone is sometimes hard to gauge: Oswald gets carried away on waves of whimsical-comical exuberance which contradict the tragic or is it Grand Guignol? - twists of fate. Hard to say why it comes off, but

for the most part it does. There is no such mystery about Michael Latimer's spankingly paced and crisply acted production, an object lesson in creating multiple settings using nothing more than seven tea chests.

The cast is a strong one, with Roger McClenehan outstanding as the clever, fey and Mercutio-like Stephen Meadow. Elizabeth Banks endows Ivy not only with graceful heauty but with a cloudy moral and emotional confusion which stays the right side of wetness. Dennis Clinton is splendidly eccentric as Stephen and Mark's grandfather, a preposterous combination of soldier, vicar and schoolboy whom few apart from Peter Oswald would have dared to put on the stage. There is an enjoyable cameo from Lucius Robinson as Frank, a puffed up builfrog of a minder. Do give it a try.

HARRY EYRES



Moral dilemmas: Elizabeth Banks and Roger McClenahan

Return to sender

Leo in Love

Nuffield, Southampton

UNDER its original title, Leopold le Bien-Aime, Jean Sarment's play was first performed in 1927 with Louis Jouvet, no less, in the title role of the poor sap who believes his love never answered his desperate letters and turns himself into a gruff misogynist; wonder of wonders, 25 years later he chances to meet a chappie in charge of the Paris "Dead Letter" Office and finds that she did reply to him after all. They meet again, just before the

interval. The naivety of the writing belongs to a vanished age, when playwrights without a real thought in their heads could make a young ingénue sink to the ground before a middle-aged man, clasp his knees and declare that she has always longed to devote her life to a man who has suffered.

The set, by Robin Don, is very pretty: a riverbank with rippling water (blue elastic) for the first scene and a verandah festooned with succu-

PERHAPS it is a kind of arrogance to

suppose that the main thing we have to do with the conquest of Mexico, or by extension with the whole whiten-

ing of America that haunts the Columbus quincentenary, is make a

moral judgement. Wolfgang Rihm, whose opera on the subject has just

opened, is not in the business of giving easy answers. What he brings into the theatre instead is a massive

exploding question, not a taking of

sides but a mounting of the collision

The meeting of Cortex and Monte-

zuma is an encounter of

irreconcilables: of dynamic and static.

human-centred and earth-centred.

rational and spiritual. Accordingly the opera itself can hardly hope to

maintain a stable partnership be-

tween its own irreconcilables of words

and music, except at the slippery

pinnacle where they meet in crying

and screaming. And surely another cultural division is signalled by the

fact that there is no single English

between Aztec and Spaniard.

lent grapes for the other three. Against this background Lee (Martin Jarvis) is borrielly brusque to the women in the village where his brother is priest and to which he has chunky returned after years spent glumly returned after years spent hating women in Zanzibar and other exotic locales. But no sooner has the dapper Monsieur Pince (amusingly played by John Baddeley) told him about the undelivered letters in his collection — one of which says something like "I love your meet me at Notre Dame next Tuesday he is waltzing with chairs and

courting every woman in sight. He is, however, a fearful poseur, intolerably smug. And though Jarvis makes him briefly attractive in his throw-sway grumpy lines, there are only a couple of these. Sarah Badel has a decent go at the thinly written role of his long-lost love but looks far too intelligent to have accommodated herself to the author's sentimental

Christopher Godwin works decently as the mildly shocked priest. and Angela Pleasence earns applause as a spinster whose limbs jerk awk-wardly, as though manipulated by a novice purpeteer. But the hero's personality is desperately uninterest-1 Ann Queensberry's translation, auu Patrick Sandford's direction does

not make us want to care. JEREMY KINGSTON | run the chord changes as quickly and

Playing the joker

JAZZ

James Moody Ronnie Scott's **Ann Hampton Callaway** Pizza On The Park

LIKE his longtime friend Dizzy Gillespie, James Moody makes sure that most of the pieces he plays are prefaced with knockabout comedy. And yes, like Gillespie, he sometimes tries too hard. Still, humour is in short supply in fazz, and some of the double-time solos this evening showed that, at 66 years of age, Moody has retained his appetite for

potent, straight ahead bop.

Here to promote the new Novus album, Honey, he was backed by a young quartet which features a strikng planist and composer in Marc Cohen. Two of Cohen's tunes — the bluesy "Mutt and Jeff" and the rapt tribute to Miles Davis, "But Not Forgotten" - formed the highlights

As ever, Moody worked hard at varying the tone and pace. He can

fluently as a player half his age, and he is a fine interpreter of ballads. Towards the end he slipped into a funkier gear for an up-tempo version of "Summertime", with Cohen stabbing at a mini-keyboard. Moody ends his residency on Saturday, but will return to the Festival Hall next month as a member of Dizzy's 75th birthday

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big band. Another American visitor, the singer-pianist Ann Hampton Callaway, is continuing her cabaret season across town at Pizza On The Park. Some New York acts have struggled to strike up a rapport with the audience here. Faced with a sparse house on her second night." Callaway looked as if she might also be in difficulties, but she soon settled into a congenial assortment of stan-dards and original songs, among them a freshly minted ditty by Bob Dorough and a clever ad lib based on multifarious, not to say unhelpful,

ideas thrown in by the diners. Listeners often come away overwhelmed by Callaway's spectacular multi-octave range. There were no coloratura displays tonight; she made sparing use of the dramatic leaps up the register. Otherwise her main weapon was a goofy sense of humour, which at one point led her to announce a number by her guest band, which existed in her mind only.

Taking it to the limit

strings.

COPERATE VICTOR

Die Eroberung von Mexico Hamburg State Opera

achieved characteristically extraordinary fastidiousness, almost with gentleness, and with care for the grain and substance of instruments and voices.

The distinction between these two resources is another dividing line which becomes in the opera a line of force the teasing of them together produces effects of miraculous beauty and electric tension at once. There is also a fierce exposure, a glaring light through the orchestra, that makes instruments as potently expressive as the work's heroic vocalists. An in-candescent high soprano in the pit (Carmen Fuggiss) is equalled by two sky-skimming violins up in a gallery. while the animal passion and vehemence of an unnamed character. Der schreiende Mann (Peter

Kollek), is matched by the pit orchestra of wind, percussion and low

The use of the whole house, with not only the stereo violins but also some percussion and wind placed high in the auditorium, is one more aspect of Rihm's exploration of boundaries, having the music break into "our" space. Yet another is his decision to cast Montezuma as a dramatic soprano, and so to make the central impact of the piece the impact also of male on female, female on male.

Cortez and Montezuma, the latter powerfully a woman by voice and costume, circle around each other; the music is that of bristling fur and friction. Finally they come together in a kind of Liebestod, but the two widespanning voices are now unaccompanied, and the feeling is exceedingly tentative and taut.

The idea of a pair of male and female demigods comes from Antonin Artaud, as does the whole groundplan of the opera. But the collaboration of composer and writerseer is the work's one aspect of

consummate fusion. Like Artaud. Rihm pushes right to the edge; like Artaud he is at once contemporary and primitive, with little in between (a couple of bursts of something like loth-century Spanish music sound blurred, as if through Mexican ears). But his Artaudesque passion is achieved by sophisticated means, by a musical sculpture of scintillating, glass-sharp splinters, a piece of shat-tered granite evoked with painstaking

but self-obliterating skill.

The projection of this rock or sculpture through time, under Ingo Meizmacher, is powerful and magnificent, and the performances of the fiercely demanding central roles. by Richard Salter and Renate Behle, are astonishing feats of strength and stamina. Peter Mussbach's production responds to the challenge of the piece by pushing the action out halfway over the stalls on a great walkway, and some of the stage pictures, achieved with lighting and planar geometry, are spectacular. It might be possible to retain more of Artaud's frenzy, perhaps, but there is that in the music, which remains quietly startling the memory.

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Guessing games and cheeky jokes

LONDON GALLERIES

Richard Cork explores the challenging work of Richard Deacon and Hermione Wiltshire: sculpture and photographs

awarded high accolades early in their careers, the temptation to reiterate a winning formula can prove hard to resist. Market pressures, combined with the critical approval bestowed on previous achievements, often militate against the need to change and develop. The work becomes predictable, and more concerned with promoting an instantly recognisable style than with genuine discovery. Since Richard Deams won the

Turner Prize in 1987, at the age of only 38, he has done his best to avoid these pitfalls. A flurry of public commissions both here and abroad, including an exuberant sculpture for Warwick University campus, challenged him to handle the grand scale. At the same time, his other art has refused to stand still. Deacon's new exhibition at the Lisson Gallery reminds us of

his strengths and it shows him exploring new possibilities with conspicuous vigour, inventiveness and sharo wit.

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Ribbed and plentifully riveted, like so much of Deacon's earlier work, Pipe has a defensive look. But as I moved round the piece, a surprising ability to curve and concertina

gave its body sinuosity. The entire sculpture began to resemble a bulkily armoused creature, flexing and writhing as it prepared to advance. Deacon, however, stops well short of disclosing too much about Pipe's possible identity. Half animal and half mechanical, it remains impossible to pin down. And the fact that both ends are sealed only adds to the eeriness, suggesting that its tunnel-like interior might harbour

some harmful substance. Deacon has long been fascinated by his work's supple ability to generate multiple interpretations. Apparently random or abstract shapes turn out to yield an array of possible meanings, ranging from the technological to the organic, and from the sensual to the sinister. In the lowest room, two undulating sculptures hug the floor. Although made of pale

wood, they seem soft and pliable.

Dummy looks almost jelly-like, as though a sea-creature had been unaccountably beached in the basement of a London gallery. But it also resembles an uncompromising piece of low-lying modern furniture, and another sculpture is equally rich in ambiguity. Called

Border, it has irregular sections of welded PVC, giving the work a shining, swollen, grey-blue ap-pearance. The internal divisions evoke the structure of stained glass, however, placing more emphasis on pictorial elements than did the plain, bleached austerity of

Deacon's preoccupation with the relationship between sculpture and painting seems to be growing apace. Another room in the show is inhabited by three large freestanding frames in aluminium, grouped under the intriguing title The Interior is Always More Difficult. Each of them encloses a translucent plastic screen, within which floats a rounded form.

Once again, the shape's apparent abstraction contains ref-erences to identifiable objects. One is reminiscent of a strip of pills in foil, while another looks like the patterned bottom of an outsize shoe - a form which helped to inspire one of Dea-

con's finest early sculptures, If the 1981. But unlike that work, a robust construction using corrugated and sheet steel held together with screws. this new "shoe" is flattened and is left hovering strangely in space.
A dash of humour has always en-

livened Deacon's art, most overtly in the titles he chooses. The new series of prints which round off the exhibition are. however, more playful than anything he has previously produced

They are also more figurative, and at first glance I failed to recognise them as Deacon's work at all. His source was, apparently, a photographic sequence of weirdly misshapen vegetables published in a popular Victorian magazine. Their images of potatoes, carrots and apples, swollen and twisted into bizarre forms, were intended to make the readers smile. Descrip retains some of the comedy, but invites other responses as well. Clownish melancholy coexists with

knockabout humour in a print

called a curious potato, where the vegetable resembles a battered-

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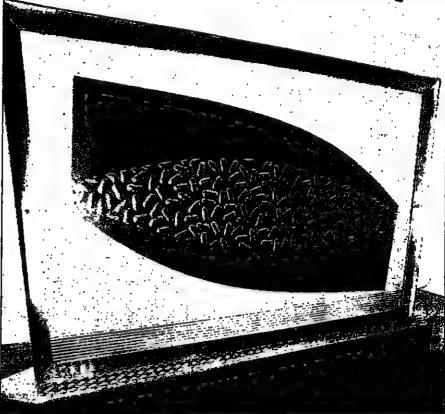
Isewhere. Deacon depicts a grotesque carrot swaying on a plinth-like block, ready to fall. And the pathos deepens in an image where the potato assumes the form of a figure leaning his severely truncated arm on a stick. Tendrils sprout from his body and wave absurdly in the air, accentuating the aura of decay. The malformations this time stir memories of Otto Dix's war cripples, but the quirkiness of the series as a whole

prevents tragedy from predomi-

nating. Deacon must have enjoyed







Clockwise from top left: Richard Deacon's wood sculpture Dummy and detail; The Interior is always more difficult — I, aluminium and polycarbonate, and detail

radically new forms in his sculp-

Hermione Wiltshire, a younger artist whose work fills the rest of the Lisson's capacious new building, also deploys humour. In a sequence of framed photographic works, she juxtaposes erotic imagery with banal, bijou or hallucinatory objects. They undercut whatever titillating or pornographic potential the pictures may

A mannequin's stockinged leg dominates Denler, but it is cursorily sliced off at the thigh and accompanied by a kitsch china

Robert Anderson, recently installed as director of the British Museum, talks to Simon Tait

ited prints, and I would not be mood, Wiltshire photographs a producing Although bodily refspace with no discernible support. Butterflies are perched at either end of this apparition, adding a note of transience to its laughable ungainiiness.

By no means all the photographic works deal with sexual forms in such a direct way. One of them consists solely of a glowing egg, its shell apparently covered with goose-pimples. An inexplicable puff of smoke rises from the top of the egg, like a signal that hatching is about to commence. Enigmatic enough to be tantalising, this is the image most

closely connected with the sculp-

himself hugely making these spir- lion cub. In an equally deflating ture Wiltshire has now started any attempt to decipher them. Breast shapes similar to the egg in the photograph appear on a floorbased, multi-tiered work called Smug. But the lace patterns covering their surfaces ensure that they remain elusive, and Wiltshire flattens them out on the side of each tier. And although she reveals a little more as the sculpture ascends, it never becomes enough

for a confident identification. As I crouched down and peered at Smug, struggling to decide what exactly these forms might represent, I realised that Wiltshire had turned me into an avid investievades recognition, the more intrigued and determined the viewer

Cataraca, a circular wall-work framed in pale, grained wood, contains a coloured photograph of a soft, gleaming substance. Resembling a close-up of sunbronzed human flesh, the image nevertheless refuses to disclose itself fully. Positioned halfway up the wall, Cataract encourages keyhole inspection. But Wiltshire rebuffs even as she entices, and makes sure that convex glass covered with grey patterning comes between the observer and

the photograph.

The glass is clearer in her third until March 14.

gator. The more her sculpture sculpture, a tondo-shaped work that looks from a distance as functional as a doorbell or wall light, Again, however, the photographic image at the centre retains its mystery intact. Wiltshire allows us to see a dark, glistening orifice there, and appreciate its potential desirability. But its precise nature escapes classification as nimbly as Deacon's sculpture, and makes even the most chaste gallery-goer aware of the fragile border-line separating the viewer from the voveur.

Richard Deacon and Hermione Wiltshire at the Lisson Gallery, 67 Lisson St., NWI (071-724 2739)

New broom in Bloomsbury

ment as director of the British Museum, his capa-cious office still bears no outward evidence of his occupation. On the bookcase behind him stands a classic example of Victorian public sculpture: the Alfred Stevens lion which once adorned the museum's railings in large numbers. On the mantelpiece is a colourful pottery horse, a memento of a Russian trip by his predecessor, Sir David

"I'm on a strict programme of seeing everyone, each department. There isn't much time for anything else," Anderson says. To many, the new regime will seem comfortingly like business as usual. Wilson was a forthright traditionalist who was appalled at the innovations of the Natural History Museum, once a branch of the BM. He wanted no hands-on gimmicks, no fancy promotions whose effectiveness was not always measurable, and above all, no admission

charges. Anderson appears to have the same traditional instincts. though less demonstrably so. He does not believe in directors shaping museums in their own likeness, as Sir Roy Strong perhaps tried to do at the V&A. He believes in continuity. "David has left me an organisation which is vigorous and has a dear sense of direction, a very serious organisation which is in the traditional mould. He weathered certain storms to keep that aspect going."

Wilson and his supporters

nual snobbery, in being more concerned with pleasing scholars than of appealing to ordinary museum visitors. "I don't accept that," Anderson says. "It suggests that we are excluding someone. There is no feeling of exclusion here. But we make difficulties when we say, for instance, that science is simple to under-stand. That's misleading. Science is bloody difficult."

The BM is not about to

muscle in on the Science Museum, though Anderson did gain his doctorate in physical chemistry. He worked at the Science Museum for ten years before becoming director of the Royal Scottish Museum. There he undertook the amalgamation which resulted in the National Museums of Scotland. Anderson wants the BM to

be more accessible, not less. His gaze kept drifting, disconcertingly for an interview er, to the window. "It's endlessly fascinating watching people come in Look. there's a school group. I wonder what they're going to

He may be new to the BM but Anderson, at 47, is al-ready one of the longest serving members of the national museums and galleries directors' conference, and in seniority he outranks all the others except John Hayes at the National Portrait Gallery. Alan Borg at the Imperial War Museum and Neil Cos-

sons at the Science Museum. The conference has lately become polarised. Young popularisers, such as Borg (who was short-listed for An-



Undaunted by the scale of his task: Robert Anderson in one of the Egyptian galleries of the British Museum

derson's job), Cossons and Neil Chalmers of the Natural History Museum, have ranged against such traditionalists as Neil MacGregor at the National Gallery and Nicholas Serota at the Tate. Anderson is firmly in the

latter camp. National museums are research institutions. and they must perform those functions beside providing less specialist education. To illustrate the BM's diverse functions, he delved into a cupboard, producing first a beautifully bound 1990 catalogue - Cuneiform Texts from Babylonic Tablets in the British Museum; Part 58 and then a child's guide to the museum, which is probably in a million small pairs of sticky hands a year.

"It must be enormously confusing to people making their first visit here and trying to make sense of the collec-.

tions; they can't possibly understand the scope of what we have here," Anderson said. glancing again, parentally, at the steady stream of visitors. "I want to find a way of relating objects with each

The museum has a staff of 1,300 to care for not only millions of objects but up to 26,000 visitors a day. The fact that visitor numbers have not declined is a testament to the traditional no-nonsense style the British Museum sets. Anderson says. "I believe frequent short visits are a wonderful way of learning from museums, and last year we broke the five million visitor mark so we must be doing something right."

efore him is perhaps be the most testing time for the British Museum, as it seeks to fill the impending gap left by the departure of the British Library from Bloomsbury. That represents an evacuation of 40 per cent of the site, and will cost the BM £80 million to refurbish and re-stock the vacated areas. He confirms that the round Reading Room at the heart of the museum will remain a reading room after the British Library's departure, and he wants to ensure that the bestlooking rooms are open to the public, not storage or offices.

Anderson is uneasy, although not yet distrustful, about the government's attitude. The museum will receive a £32 million grant next year. £20 million for revenue (80 per cent goes on wages). and £10.5 million for building maintenance, which takes no account of preparations for the British Library departure. There is still only £1.4 million for purchases, as for the past eight years.

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TELEVISION REVIEW

Orders go astray

night's episode of the unintentionally hilarious Australian drama series Brides of Christ (Channel 4): "You don't really believe that standing on your head during intercourse increases the risk of pregnancy, do you?"

She didn't believe it, of course; she was just a sarky adolescent, rebelling mildly in a convent school. But as all devotees of Neighbours and Prisoner: Cell Block H know, Australian television never shrinks from making a lurid melodrama out of a delicate psychological crisis.

into the rhododendrons to search out copulating pupils. It does, however, convey one essential religious truth: the Church rarely looks sillier than when trying to repress sexuality.

The rebel schoolgirl crept back into the school dorm in the early hours, after a bruis-

Brides of Christ certainly has a compelling tackiness.

Tyrant clerics tend to crash

ing rite of passage with a local lad. She needed understanding; instead, the nuns gave her such practical tips as: "The Virgin Mary, by her example, showed us how to keep our self-respect." Eventually they expelled her.

A ridiculous caricature of clerical intolerance? Another programme this week — a Channel 4 documentary on Monday called Priests of Passion - suggested not. David Rice, a former Catholic priest who quit for love of world in search of others in a similar plight: a quarter of all priests, according to him. The result was a touching and illuminating catalogue of incomprehension and

one side was the

unyielding Vatican line on celibacy. One Brazilian archbishop gave a crisp sum-mary: "We can have no mary: "We can have no spiritual benefit from dis-obedience." On the other side were the ex-priests who see no incompatibility between their sense of vocation obviously still burning fiercely — and their mar-riages. One German ex-priest said: "I have not found

compassion, mercy or under-standing in the Church. If the first Pope was married, why not myself?" He was referring to St Peter. An American professor, himself an ex-priest, di-agnosed the malaise. "The Church is frightened of women. You are dealing here

with neurosis, fear and

insecurity." The same implicit message came from last Sunday's Everyman (BBC 1), though it dealt with the Church of England, and more specifically with the monumental task facing the aptly-named David Hope, who is the new Bishop of London. Osten-sibly, he takes up his post in "Decade of Evangelism", when the dear old C of E is supposed to shake off its sloth and do some honest

missionary work. In practice, he finds a diocese of priests apparently obsessed with themselves: their homosexuality or their femininity, or their abnorrence of one or both of these. or their petty parochial squabbles, fought in a hail of verbal cattiness that would be tolerated in few other workplaces. The tone of Everyman was, as usual, dispassionate and cool; the matter-of-fact picture it painted was the more disturbing for

RICHARD MORRISON

GALLERIES CHOICE

 TURNER — THE FIFTH DECADE: The Clore Gallery's survey of Turner's career in temporary exhibitions is criss-crossing the ground, working sometimes by theme, sometimes by period. The period covered by this latest is 1830-40, during which years Turner was at the height of his powers and fame. The drawings and watercolours included here show much technical experiment, the completion of some of the previous decade's major projects, such as the Picturesque Views in England and Wales, the beginnings of the Rivers of France series, and his astonishing coverage of the Houses of Parliament fire in 1834. Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1

(071-821 1313) Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2-5.30pm, until May 10.

 MICHAEL ROTHEN-STEIN: With the major show of his boxes at the Royal Academy, this is clearly Rothenstein's moment. In addition to Peter Nahum's show of prints of the Seventies, there are now two other shows of his work in town. The Redfern Gallery takes the story back a further decade with prints from the Sixties, mamy of them more geometrical than what followed, and Angela Flowers brings it right up to date with brand-new paintings and prints, using all kinds of techniques and even returning to his all-time favourite image, the rooster. Redfern Gallery, 20 Cork Street, W1 (071-734 1732) Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm, until March

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Putting a village to the torch

A quiet Hampshire hamlet is living

in fear as, one

by one, its homes go up in flames. Who is burning down Pitt? Jon Stock reports

ast Thursday evening, Neil and Gillian Mitchell settled down in front of the television. Two of their young children were asleep upstairs, the third, a three-monthold baby, was in the sitting room with her parents. Suddenly, Mrs Mitchell heard a noise outside.

"I thought it was a crash on the road," she says. "There had been one the week before. But when I got to the window, I could smell that something was on fire, I pulled the curtains back and saw the flames. Two motorists had stopped and were hammering on

For the Mitchells, the sight of flames licking around the window panes of their loth-century thatched cottage was a cause for alarm rather than surprise. It was not the first time the Mitchells had smelt burning in the night. For more than four years, the Hamp-shire hamlet of Pitt, two miles south of Winchester, and consisting of 20 houses, has been terrorised by an outbreak of apparently

A computer search carried out this week by Hampshire Fire Brigade has revealed for the first time the exact extent of the problem. There have been II fires in Pitt since 1988, seven of which have been officially classified by

investigators as deliberate.
"That is a horritying statistic,"
says Malcolm Waterman, Brigade Fire Investigation Officer for Hampshire. "One wouldn't expect this kind of activity in such a small area. It is quite unprecedented."
The Mitchells first experienced

the Pitt peril on April 20 last year. two days after they moved into Wayside Cottage. They were in the living room at about 11 pm when a fire broke out next door.

The first thing that we knew about it was that the lights went out," Mrs Mitchell says. "My husband thought the trip switch had gone, but it hadn't. The neighbour's roof, which joined ours, was alight."

The family spent the night with friends, and returned the next morning to find their neighbour's porch burnt out, and a huge triangular gash in the roof. Fortunately, their own house was

Since then, neither of the Mitchells has slept well. Mr Mitchell, a chartered quantity surveyor, is not prepared to leave his family alone



A part of history up in smoke: the scene last April as the thatched roof of Oddicombe Cottages burns for a second time while Hampshire firemen tackle the blaze

for long and has recently had to turn down a lucrative overseas posting. Prices for thatched houses in Pitt have dropped and selling the house would be difficult. In less than a year, their dream home has turned into a nightmare.

The police maintain that the team of ten detectives from Win-chester CID assigned to the case last Friday is keeping an open mind about the fires, but privately they suspect that they are dealing with one person. The range of targets shows no obvious pattern, although several families and properties appear to have been singled out for special treatment. What little evidence there is

concerning the firebug suggests

that it is someone with local knowledge. The inevitable ru-mours and theories are causing irreparable damage to the community. Pitt is one of those English middle-class hamlets where everyone keeps to themselves, preferring to meet each other once or twice a year at awkward drinks parties. Populated by architects, surveyors, retired bank managers and doctors, Pitt has no obvious congregating point like a pub or shop. Most home-owners have invested in thousands of pounds worth of security lights and alarms, which has done nothing to improve the atmosphere.

community spirited village." Mrs

Mitchell says. "People are now He and his brother David farm looking at each other suspiciously."

These fires are not helping to around Winchester, including bring anyone together.

here have been no casualties so far. The arsonist has operated at times (usually between nine and midnight) when someone is likely to see the fire, and, until the Mitchells, the houses have been empty. James and Jacqueline Davey, the Mitchells' neighbours, sold their house. Oddicombe Cottages, two weeks before it caught

Mike Burge first began to wonder whether he was the victim of a grudge at the beginning of 1988.

Pitt. Just before midnight on January 15, 1988, a motorist alerted Mr Burge and his wife Geraldine to a barn fire on their farm at the top of Enmill Lane, which runs through the middle of Pitt. Earlier that day, another fire had destroyed a barn three miles

"We weren't suspicious about the first fire," Mrs Burge says, "but when it came over this side. we weren't quite sure whether we could call it coincidence."

away on a tenant farm also run by

The Burge family has lost seven barns in Pitt and the surrounding area because of fire, at a cost of more than £70,000. Although the fire brigade believes one was the result of a lightning strike, the rest have been put down to arson (only two were actually in Pitt itself). The police began to suspect a personal vendetta when other, equally accessible barns in the area were not being attacked. "After we lost seven barns, we

began to think that somebody was after us." Mrs Burge says. "But Mike is the nicest guy you could ever wish to meet. We've sat down for hours and thought about this. but we're absolutely puzzled." The vendetta theory fell through

in August 1989, when a fire partially destroyed Oddicombe

Cottages. The Burge lamily had no connection with the house or the Daveys. At the time, arson was dismissed by fire officers, who attributed the blaze to "smouldering materials".

However, in March 1990, Swallow's Roost, another of Pitt's thatched cottages, was destroyed by fire. Although the fire brigade concluded that the fire was started by an electrical wiring fault, according to the occupant, thatchers rebuilding the house last year found evidence that someone had tried to set fire to the roof in four different places.

n April 1991, there were two more fires in quick succession. On April 10, architects David and Theresa Steele were out to supper with friends. They returned home to find the road dogged with fire engines. Their historic house, The White Cottage, was destroyed, and they were forced to live in lodgings. They have now moved away from

Ten days later, Oddicombe Cottages had its roof burnt off for the second time. Locals were left bewildered and frightened. Today the atmosphere is tense in Pitt. Residents are determined to beat the arsonist, and are naturally wary of anyone passing through. Number plates are noted, strange faces remembered.

There are five thatched cottages in the hamlet altogether, four of which have been burnt. Dr Douglas Boyle and his wife, Peggy, live in Cromwell Cottage, where Oliver Cromwell is reputed to have stayed. It is the only thatched house to have escaped attack. Dr Boyle is taking no risks and has worked out various escape routes should the arsonist strike and not be detected by the elaborate security measures now protecting the

He told the local newspaper, the Southern Evening Echo: "From the bedroom I can get on to the flat roof and jump down. If we are in the drawing room or at the front, I

would have a bit of a job."
Pleasure seems to be the most plausible, if perverse, motive behind the extraordinary series of attacks. It is quite conceivable that after each incident, the arsonist is sitting on a hill-top somewhere, admiring his handiwork. According to Mr Waterman, the case shows the classic signs of pyromania.

'Without getting too carried away with Freudian theories, there are certain people out there, usually male, who derive intense sexual pleasure from watching fires and lashing blue lights," he says. This particular person seems to get a kick out of seeing thatch go

up. He likes big bonfires."
As night falls this evening, a small group of frightened residents will be checking their security, watching their neighbours and, possibly, wishing they had never bought a thatched cottage in

Ransack the attic and bring out the valuables for your own Antiques Roadshow

When Sotheby's comes to call

The invitation from Sotheby's fell out of the local freesheet. Its experts would be in south-west London this week: if we wanted to discuss a possible visit for auction valuations of pictures, furniture, jewellery and other works of art, would we like to call?

We would and did, along with 100 other south Londoners that day. It was miss; the BBC programme Antiques Roadshow boasts queues of thousands: here was an offer for our own show in our

own home. The cognoscenti tion houses for personal visits. The auction houses them-selves occasionally publish invitations to the public in the counties, but the capital has been largely left until now to tote its possessions into central London for valuation. Phillips once issued invitations in Chelsea but, Simon Taylor of Sotheby's says, "This is the first open invita-

Sotheby's knows that most callers will not be genuine vendors. Like me, they will be motivated by the blend of curiosity and avarice on which the Antiques Roadshow has capitalised. The recession may have prompted people to consider selling for the first time but, Sotheby's says, they are offset by those holding on to their valuables until the market recovers.

Sotheby's invitation is shortly to be extended to all Londoners, who will benefit from the whole panoply of experts available at its headquarters. The auction house confirms estimates in writing: if someone wants to sell through Sotheby's it charges 10 per cent on items which fetch more than £1,000, and

15 per cent on items which fetch under £1,000.

Simply to telephone is, however, not enough. "If someone just wants us to view a cup and saucer," Mr Taylor says, "we might ask them to send in a photograph first. But if it's a collection, or a single category of items, we would send the relevant expert. Otherwise, we send a generalist."

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> Faced with our range of china, furniture and brie-à-brac. Sotheby's sent Robert Miller, a generalist. Last Sunday, the Antiques Roadshow The owner had purchased and restored it for under £500. We, too, have a settee. On Monday morning, my

> hopes were high.
> "We disappoint more often than we thrill," Mr Miller said, ignoring the sofa. He liked our cast-iron rea caddy - "Early Coalbrookdale, pity about the condition," - and the long-case clock - "There are a lot of them, but the sun and moon dial are rather lovely. Oak case, of course, mahogany sells better: £1,500 to £2,000." He called back to base to confirm his estimate of a pocket globe given to my husband by a friend of Wilfred Owen: £800. Any hopes dashed by his valuations were offset by his interest and the history he gave

> There was nothing in our home to register on Mr Miller's personal Richter scale, but he has had an earthquake or two in his career. Calling on a two-up,

two-down in Birkenhead a few years ago to view some oriental ceramics, he spotted a Chinese vase. The owner's father had been a merchant scaman in the Far East. "buying this and that off the quayside". Mr Miller specialises in silver and furniture: he had to go back to base for advice on the vase.
"It was late Ming Mai Pel.
Fetched over £200,000, and
I've dined out on the

story ever since."

Mr Miller's next appointment was at St Catherine's convent. run by the Sisters of Mercy in Twick-enham. Sister Emanuel was welcoming but diffident. "I don't think

we've anything valuable, we're just curious." She said the order was giving up the school in order to return to caring for the poor. "We'll be moving to smaller houses and these things may all go." Mr Miller valued an elabo-

rate mahogany sideboard at £1,500. "Oh," said Sister Emanuel, "we've been offered more than that." She was intrigued rather than disappointed. A passing dealer had said he would give her £2,000, she explained. A wintry smile crossed Mr Miller's face. He would never cast aspersions on someone he had not met. On the other hand, it was not unknown for sharp practitioners to offer a good price on a big piece and induce owners to part with smaller, more valuable items

as makeweights. Sister Emanuel proffered some Japanese vases, but Mr Miller swooped on a couple of plant holders. To my eye, uninspiring: to Mr Miller. Doulton stoneware jardinières and up to £1,000 the pair. "And if you were thinking of selling the art nouveau fire kerb and tongs, they



Robert Miller of Sotheby's casts a practised eye

A number of nuns had asked Sister Emanuel to put forward personal items for a valuation. "Now this a Sister picked up at a summer fête, I think." "Then she'll be pleased," Mr Miller said, turning the glass bust of a woman in his hand, "Baccarat, about £150." The jackpot was up in Sister Emanuel's small study in the eaves. "I bet it's signed." Mr Miller

said, addressing a mahogany bookcase and pulling out the middle drawer. "Yes, here: James Winter & Sons. Wardour Street. A lovely piece. Say, £3,000 to £5,000." It was in the best traditions of the Antiques Roadshow. "I think I'll sit down," Sister

JAY ANDREWS

Hail to the prune

mighty prune steps forward once a year for its brief moment in the limelight. All the year round it works won-ders behind the scenes: National Prune Week, which begins on Monday, gives the nation its chance to say thank

you. This will be Britain's third National Prune Week, in case you had not noticed. The California Prune Board must be satisfied with the impact of the soft sell in previous years, for it will once again be bombarding the grate-ful public with recipes and "romantic events

and mascots", and urging us to take part in prune-inspired gymnasium workouts. How much romance desiccated plum? The

Valentine's day, and claims: "The Victorians were probably the first to find romance in prunes when they were eaten as aphrodisiacs."

When pressed, the promoters prove unable to provide chapter and verse for this assertion. Famous as it is for making things happen, the prune is not generally ifredited with a tendency to make things of that kind happen.
The wrinkled druge makes

its most notable appearance in Victorian literative in Little Dornit, where princes and prisms are recommended as words apt to promote gentled elocation. But Dickers gave no hint that he would expect it to fan the fires of woung it to fan the fires of young love. In 1871, one Thomas Tarwater wrote about "stewed prunes and other diet of a loosening kind." But there is no reason to suppose that he meant that they loosened the moral fibre, More likely, it was not the Victorians who were first to find romance in prunes, but

Amorous readers might be better advised to stick to oysters or yohimbe bark. to kno about prunes" de-Exports of California clares Molesworth, darkly prunes to Britain (it would be contradicting Mr Little, at

the California Prune Board.

Dried up, wrinkled and dull? Don't

believe it

unfair to mention that other countries also export dried plums, as they make no contribution to the costs of the promotion) rose 30 per cent last year — as clear an index of the effects of reces-

A grateful public will be bombarded with prune recipes and 'romantic events and mascots'

> sion and pre-election tension as one could ask for. "I don't think the English know what prunes are," says Alastair Little, a television chef who has a restaurant in Frith Street, Soho, and who has been commissioned by the board to "add a touch of culinary romance" to the

"The fruit has always had a good image on the Continent," he says. "It is only here that prunes and custard and boiled cabbage have gained that dismal image which epitorical and appropriate all contracts." omises all our memories of school meals. You can do wonderful things using prunes with rich meat — as a garnish to pork or goose, for instance. If you want a de luxe effect, you can stone them and stuff them with fole gras: perfectly delicious!"

Memories of school meals are crystallised in Nigel Molesworth's scurrilous reminiscences of Class 2B at St Custard's as recorded by Geoffrey Williams and Ronald Searle.

"Everybodi kno all there is

Revolt of the Prunes, in which "a tribe of savvage prunes who lived in a blak mass in the Skool pantry' rise in violent rebellion against their devourers, and almost succeed in taking over the school.

Molesworth is not participating in National Prune Week.
The Prunefest would turn seriously sour if the promotion happened to coincide with a National Custard Day or a Save Our School Meals

Week Surprisingly, there is no formal framework for preventing such clashes. Awareness weeks, as they are known in the trade, are very numerous. There will be not just 52 weeks in 1992, but at least 80, according to Robert Barclay, of Profile, a company which has gathered a database of thousands of events, to help subscribers avoid unwelcome

linkages.

A dazzling variety of organ isations now carves off slices

of the calendar in the competition to catch the public eye. The coming year will bring round Million Tree Week, Breast Feeding Week, Coastline Week. No Smacking Week, Elephant Week, National Condom Week, Veggie Pledge Week, and a host of others. Months, years and even

decades are all treated as fair game. There will be as many days in 1992 as there will be weeks, ranging from Pancake Day to National Kevin Day. . National Motivation Day, which ran for five years until 1991, is rather poignantly being discontinued this year. its promoters apparently having given up hope of ever motivating the British. The trend has grown up

unnoticed and uncontrolled. and the case for regulation deserves more attention. At the very least, it is high time that the issues were high-lighted by a National Awareness Week Awareness Week

GEORGE HILL

Scourge of the heart

Millions of people carry the herpes virus but it can still cause unnecessary feelings of guilt and anxiety. Alice Thomson reports

'I had been

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career and nerpes. A student at London University, she contracted the disease two years ago in her first term at university. "My boyfriend caught it from a one-night stand but when he told me he had given me genital herpes he didn't care," she says. "I was horrified. My father is a GP and was understanding but my mother hated it. She doesn't believe in sex before marriage and this confirmed that her eldest daughter was sexually active. Then I found out herpes is for ever. I was only 18 and I thought no one

would ever want to go out with me again. I became very lonely and de-

pressed."
Now Rachel (she does not wish to give her surname) can forget about the virus unless she has a new attack. During an attack dizzy and I have painful sores but that only happens every couple of months," she says. Her present boy-

understanding but she tells few friends and would never admit to an employer that she had the disease. Learning to live with genital

herpes can be a traumatic experience. Rachel had the help of the Herpes Association. (HA) but many of the 20,000 people who are diagnosed as herpes sufferers each year are too embarrassed to seek help. In America there are herpes self-help groups and dating

HA is the only organisation in Britain specifically set up to help. sufferers come to terms with the disease. Sponsored by the health department and the London boroughs grants scheme, it holds is dormant you are not infectious counselling sessions, social events and it might as well not be there.

achel has a secure and workshops. There are 1,000 relationship, a house, a regular members, many of whom assist with a herpes helpline and a quarterly magazine, Sphere, which tries to replace some of the

myths about the virus with facts. The organisation was set up ten years ago when herpes awareness was at its peak. Then came Aids to topple it from its perch and. although the figures for herpes sufferers have remained static, it is

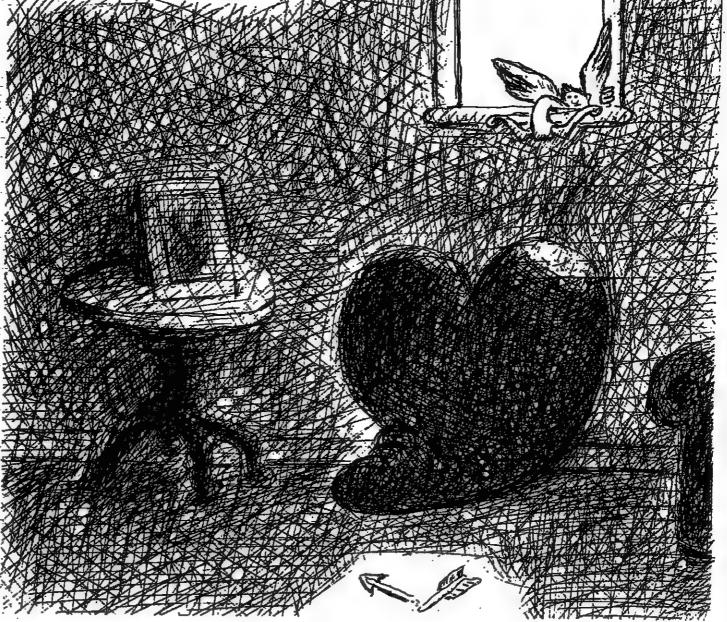
largely a forgotten disease.
Michael Wolfe of HA There is still a lot of misunderstanding. People insist on seeing it as a sexual scourge visited on the promiscuous; although most suf-

ferers are just sexherpes through no fault of their own. The British are just so prudish. It is acceptable to talk about Aids at a dinner party but syphilis or thrush and people start choking on their pudding." Genital and oral

herpes (herpes sim-plex) are both part of a widespread virus family. Kissing is by far the most common source of oral herpes (cold sores); the most common cause of genital herpes is inter-course with someone who has an

active genital sore or oral sex with

someone who has an oral sore. The stigma attached to genital herpes is often a greater source of distress to the sufferer than the virus itself. When genital herpes starts, sufferers often feel flu-like symptoms, blisters develop on the genitals and form painful sores. The virus stays for life but after initial attacks it usually subsides-into an easily managed skin condition, and recurrences become



"Survey after survey has shown up to 90 per cent of adults carry the virus," Mr Wolfe says. "But because the majority of carriers have the facial infection, are symptom-free or have acquired the antibodies naturally, it is the unlucky minority with genital symptoms who shoulder the

The people interviewed here were in steady relationships when they contracted herpes but they would not give their surnames, still believing they will be condemned

for having caught the virus.

Peter, 36, a secondary school teacher, first suffered a genital herpes outbreak after three years of marriage. "I had been faithful throughout my marriage but my wife immediately accused me of infidelity. My GP was oblivious to the effect that hernes was having the effect that herpes was having on my personal life and because I was so ashamed; I didn't consider counselling," he says. Although Peter's attacks were mild, the his marriage to break down.

The association was able to remove Peter's feelings of guilt. We tell sufferers that there are many ways of contracting herpes without being unfaithful." Mr Wolfe says. "The source of genital herpes may be a cold sore on a partner's mouth; the virus can be transmitted during oral sex. Alternatively it is possible that your partner has the virus but shows no clear symptoms."

The lack of a cure is another cause of concern. New drugs are con-stantly on trial in genito-urinary clinics around the country but so far nothing has proved as safe and effective as acyclovir, the anti-viral drug which has been used in conjunction with AZT to aid HIV-positive patients. Used regularly, this acts as a prophylactic and can shorten the duration of an outbreak of berpes but not eradicate it.

attacks. "Outbreaks are often

caused by stress, over-work, neg-ative outlook or rich food," Mr Wolfe says. "People get depressed and lonely. This lowers their immune system and makes a recurrence more likely. We try to break the vicious circle using counselling, hypnotherapy and sometimes homoeopathy." Talking with other sufferers also

alleviates worries. HA organises parties, pub meetings, discos and holidays. Sufferers often find new partners from the social events. Richard, aged 42, is a chef and has had herpes for 20 years; his partner, Gail, a secretary, is also a partner. Gan, a secretary, is also a sufferer. They met at one of the HA counselling sessions. "There is no guilt involved and no risk to Gail. When I first caught herpes no one had heard of it. I still haven't told any of my friends but I discuss all my problems freely with others in the association," he says. Gail, aged 33, agrees: "Since meeting Richard, I have become

suicide when I caught herpes.

Now I have met other sufferers I no longer feel abnormal." Once sufferers have come to terms with the virus, they soon realise that they are not condemned to celibacy. HA holds courses to explain how to broach the subject with prospective partners, to avoid sexual contact when they have a recurrence and how to

Jane, 32, can now see a positive side to the disease. "I caught herpes in Australia where they are very laid back about it. But when I came back to Britain I was made to feel dirty. The first man I told couldn't have run further. It was only by going to the HA that I gained the confidence to go out.

"I have met some of my closest friends through the support group. I only wish people were more educated. I would like to tell my children about heroes without them recoiling in horror.

HERPES FACTS

 The herpes virus has been around for over 2,000 years and was first given the name herpes from herpein, meaning to creep, by Hippocrates.

There was such a terrible epidemic of cold sores in ancient Rome that the emperor Tiberius banned kissing. In 18th-century France herpes was termed a vocational disease of prostitutes.

• In the 1940s herpes was found to be a virus.

• In the late 1960s two types of herpes were isolated. Type one, the most common, prefers the lips and after the first attack is often milder. Type two fa-vours the genitals and can be more painful and

 Ninety per cent of the or where per cent of the population carries one type of the virus by old age, usually type one. When dor-mant the virus lies under the skin or travels up the nerve root to the sacral ganglia or trigeminal

Both types of herpes belong to a widespread vi-rus family which in-cludes whitlow, chickenpox and shingles.

Those who have cold sores (oral herpes) as a child are more likely to build up immunity to type one herpes and some immunity to type two.

 The virus is transferred through direct skin contact and although it can enter any part of the body through a break in the skin, it prefers the soft. moist skin of the mouth and genitals.

● About 200,000 people in Britain are thought to have genital herpes. A recent Herpes Association survey found that the bulk of their membership is young, single, middle-class and professional. In America the incidence rate is 30 times as high.

 If a mother contracts the disease for the first time while pregnant, there is only a minor risk the baby will abort. If an expec-tant mother simply has a recurrence, the foetus will be carrying the anti-bodies and will not suffer. The only high risk area is if the mother contracts the disease just before

• There have been no known deaths from genital nemes in Britain. It does not cause genital cancer.

Bouncing back to form



MEDICAL BRIEFING Dr Thomas Stuttaford

MY late father-in-law would have been surprised to learn that he had much in common with David Lawrence, the 17st English fast bowler. Both suffered a clean break in their patellae (kneecaps) due to the sudden arrest of their forward

My father-in-law was talking so animatedly as he descended the steps of his London club that he miscalculated and reached the pavement before he expected it. Mr Lawrence caught his foot in a hole by the crease. In both cases the strain was taken by the powerful quadriceps muscles and the kneecaps through which the muscle is inserted into the leg bone. The tension caused the kneecap to break into two.

The separated fragments are comparatively easily reunited so long as the break is clean; the emphasis is on perfect alignment. Providing the alignment is neat, bony union occurs without damage

Caught by a

cruel twist

WHEN Geoffrey Lean, a journalist with the Observer,

went into hospital he was

reassured that it needed only

a simple operation to unloop

a twist in his guts, which had

Far from the operation

being simple, Mr Lean had developed pancreatilis; one

by one his bodily systems

were failing, the angels of

death were abroad and he

was transferred from Sussex

to St Thomas's, south

This week on ITV Mr Lean

told the story of how Professor

Ronald Bradley and Dr Geof-

frey Spencer, of the intensive-

care and Lane Fox units at St

Thomas's, had struggled to save his life.

The pancreas lies in the

upper abdomen; it produces

enzymes to digest food, and

insulin to control the blood

sugar. In pancreatitis the pancreas becomes inflamed

and swollen. The inflamma-

tion causes a huge local excess

of digestive enzymes and

London.

rebelled against his lunch.



Bowled over: David Lawrence hits the ground after shattering his kneecap

which the firm bedside diag-

nosis is made, it is later shown

Pancreatitis can attack at

any age, but most commonly

in men in their forties and

fifties, and women about ten

years later. The cause is often

never found but it can be

associated with gall bladder or parathyroid disease, with

heavy drinking, with raised blood fats, with the taking of

various medicines, with inju-

ry, or interestingly in view of Mr Lean, after surgery, par-

ticularly if the area around

the gall bladder is handled.

Ninety per cent of patients

with pancreatitis first have

acute upper abdominal pain

usually associated with vomit-

ing, and often radiating through to the back. When

the precipitating cause is

attributed to surgery, symptoms start 24 to 48 hours

after surgery, a similar time lag exists following a heavy

In those patients with pre-existing gall bladder disease, however, pancreatitis begins

within hours of a heavy meal. The overall death rate is 20-

per cent, but in those who develop pancreatitis after sur-

drinking bout.

gery, 50 per cent.

to be wrong.

to the articular surface and the risk of osteoarthritis is reduced. The bone is united by wire which is usually removed two or three months later.

After the initial operation the knee will be immobilised for a time while union is taking place. Provided that there is no other damage within the joint, and there seems to be no evidence of this in Mr Lawrence's case, he should be bowling again before the end of the summer, and once he has rebuilt his muscle power should be as effective as ever.

When the kneecap is fractured into several pieces, or with some older people whatever the fracture, surgeons some-

Saved: Geoffrey Lean

gesting his own tissue) so

destructive that profound

shock occurs which results in

renal failure, liver damage,

circulatory collapse and acute respiratory failure, the lungs

become waterlogged. The

brain is not spared and the

patient may be confused,

delirious or comatose, condi-

tions which Mr Lean has

Pancreatitis is not easy to

diagnose even after blood

levels of the enzyme amylase

have been recorded and the

patient has been investigated

with ultrasound and scan. In

80 per cent of cases the

diagnosis is made only at

surgery, or post mortem. In

those 40 per cent of cases in

described vividly.

times choose to remove the whole bone. Surprisingly, this produces only mini-mal disability. However, if anybody is unlucky enough to develop osteoarthritis later, they should not despair. Artificial

knee joints are most effective. Mr Hugh Phillips, of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, one of the pioneers of knee replacement surgery, now fits one new knee to ever two new hips. The proportions are already reversed in the United States and recent statistics have shown that, even when using the older artificial knee joints, 93 per cent of people still had an effective knee 13 years after surgery.

Valentine

ST VALENTINE'S presents of metal jewellery

Patients frequently com-

Pulse magazine reports that doctors at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield, have discovered in a study of more than 612 patients that more than half the women who had pierced ears reported cutaneous reaction to metallic jewellery. A third were sensitive to nickel. the chief culprit, but only 4.4 per cent of the men were

Contact dermatitis can be

irritation

can inflame the recipient's skin as well as her passion. Doctors now have statistics to prove that women are more likely to suffer from sensitivity to base metals than men.

plain of irritation under watches, around the fastenings at the waists of jeans. and, above all, in the ear lobes if they wear ear-rings.

sensitive to the metal. treated with steroid creams. However, it is better to either wear an alternative metal or protect the skin from direct contact with the jewellery.



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VALENTINE MESSAGES

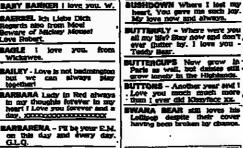


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To the world You are Mary To me . You are the World BEAUTEFUL Wonderful Annabet

Akt sayang padamu, so much,
my daring - what a glorious life
to look forward to together!



HOOCH, I Love You very much Yes it's really met All my love Roomie, water

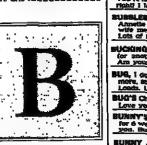
ESH.JAMM BUMMY Lots of love and anuages to you not Water from the traveling Wallaby PERTHE BUILDING Test Altern that Richard's still hopelessly in love with her. Cow and Pandas.

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2 VALENTIAE

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BIMBLE - There is only one. We all love you. Rico Kermit (Budgle) and Teetee + many bayfriends/ Don't est all chy.

CHARLES—To the land where the Bong-tree grows and our true love fresh flows. Rottle.

CHARLES provin Cecl withins to may in advence a big flamit, you and hug to a suber four. BUG, I don't seem to say it ony more, so here goes. I love you. Loads. Love ship, BUG'S Ching could be the placelt Love you. xxxxx.

DARLING BRIG Let the summer of 91 last forever. All my love and much more, Plumps. DARLING Poppel, You see Very gredous, Love you always. All my love. Bug XX CLARE SAME TOWN OF THE SAME TO SAME TO SAME TO SAME TOWN THE SAME TOWN OF THE SAME TOWN THE SAME THE S CLAME All I can do is to give you my ward that I will do my best. I love you. Al. ROTO LOTE SERVICE

DAVID - All my love today & for over. Think you for the bod six years of not life. Rike-lesis age.

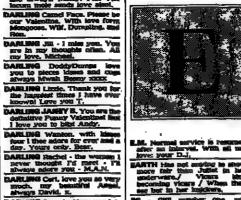
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CHERUS Love you forever. Hage and Kisses All my Love Jim.





DARLING Tezza 23 yrs on and still your eyebrows tickle parts other systerows cannot reach yem yung Sonale Lov xxx. DARLING frown Eyes the Bear, All my love on Velentine's Day and always. Motor, P.S. The locum mole sends love sleet,



DWINA All my love, Andrew. Bit Field, I love you. How about a stater or brother for Caroline? Only Joking - homest Love Peter. ELFPEARTE arise and sing. I love you william

EVERY secons to the Phile-Ph in her new project.





DEAR PC. Keep those feet warm, love the Earl of Londadale.

DEAR TORY. As our journeys continue on land and in our hearts let us stay as one used never part. Love, Kevts

PAVAL, Madr.D. may be continental but it's an intend without you. All my love.

FEEL-FUE LA FEMANT Murphy and the quechanics are miser-gibe ranty even ... a drop of 3 m. 1 would help of a render-you in Berkelviel.

OFLICIOUS Sup. The man in the golden house needs you Can you guess what for? FICHA BEAR, I LOVE YOU Alex-ander Bear. FLUESPRY BLUES wasts to play Teddy Bears with her Minibus Jel Jockey. Hope If a fruitful year. Sknoo. OT you are everything a an wants. I Love you so be FOREST ALL About TM. You Can Be HT in My School Amy Day, Love You, From Cago.

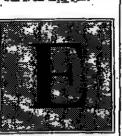
CHANGES are Alex will get a rise from the boar's wife. Want to know more? Use to page 2. FOR my ¥480 beer. The greatest pocis who ever lived could never have consposed, of the love inside I feel for you that grows and grows and grows, lift C.T.E. Beer. DESCRAM My beautiful lady. All my love and bases. Alan. DIGGE 'S' - Love your Cuddles. Love you forever, Posis 'S', OR My Statesty Duck, Will the certin move Sept '967 Happy' Valentimes Duriton, all my love the Test conconcensionness. DIMPLES. Always remember 10 March - comic relief day. Will love you forever. Mcl x FRANCESCA ... My derting ... How I love you. adore you. ache for you, love you. K. MOSAUR I love you. The Mouse. Big Hops. the Gook. RANCES Five feet ball with brown cous loo, on valentian I do love you. Ma look

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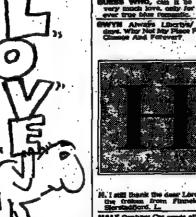
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**FALZEWUMP Whor loves you'
Beby. Chuthiles.

F - You have your own special
way of loving. Let use share it
for ever. All not levie N. DORDLES How shout calcura-ing 30 years? From The Old Gramy Appreciation Society. DORSEN LEWIS. Roses are Red. Violets are little and Yil never stop fowing you. Trigger, DISEASE Lover. I miss you more than words out may - what a beamar shy The jast lish post DR JOSHI Seasning, good but not miss, I wish my partrait of you alive to love. FCCSDM.



See I Yet still I love thee without ant ancient person of thy bear! BECOME: - Two years and our rejutionable grows strateger all the time - thanks for everything - here's to manty unon yours logather - Love, hugs and kisses. Honor VDI zige Alias Riggies - come fly with the All my love Apple. 103



Day. All my love John.





FEMMEN We reached new peaks this year, can't wait for our next run begether. All my love The Marmedos.

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CEN'T branging a mumeral with cen't branging a mumeral with Jenny D (Gunny) Luvya bods a minya madyi Will you be my Valentine? See you soon. JEM Love you dearty. Thankyon for all the hapty times. B ORIEY BUINCH 13 years on and I still love you. I look forward to the future, love Chils.



MEEDA, I is for immagnists, M for all Mins, E for Eloquets, I, for Lover (CREATU), D for Darting and A is for the 'Applices you give to Tiger T. HOLE Love you lots and lots of giant you and lots of disease from Baby MONOCOMMUNICAL MERCHANISM STATES AND STA

JOY I'd fight for you, I'd lie for you, walk the wire for you. I'd die for you, know it's true, everyings I'de, I do it for you. Loads of Jove Kevin XXX.

Je Let's picnic. Althon style remember never too old to be well and trudy yours. JAH.
JUDY. I have you more and more and day. Love. Money-bell.

MILIA My love today and every day till the end of time. JULIE CHROSE: 10 years the year: And it only seems till yestenday: Fondest love: Bill.

The first of your usual avalanche of VALENTINES Nas





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LITTLE GROTTY I like the go faster model, love Big Crotty

LORIE, Actions speak louder then words ... here's a sign of my love Lots.

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CTMI HORETY - Longing to task your sweetness again and farever - Queetnode.

JRLL I love your scrunchy nose. I love your baby loss, my love for you lost grows, where will it lead who knows? All my love Grabam, lotz. HLL ! love you without reservation, Peter. Is that with rementable OPTIONS? Love me JOH I love you more and more every day and you are the best Ded. Looking forward to better times for Emily & all of us. Jan. JO - Not manney. This is you'd day. I love you. Deddy - et' -Devid. forever! David.

JOSFO. Today: San Marco and
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and Ravers. JRR.

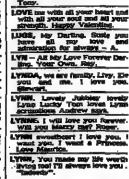
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Loads of love Kevin XXX. JOY I'd fight for you, I'd He for you, walk the wire for you, I'd die for you, you know it's troe, everything I do. I do it for you. Loads of love Kevin XXX.

LADY J. D. of R. Thee who flies, het goes by ear. don't think ye to bewiich my groom in Eaton and Venetien room.

Linecone, LEMONE, Lemons -hello bountful mum N's me, Have a mice day, bales care, see you soon X.

Lightly JOHNSON if you had been humbuckers and a sun-least tinish you would be per-fect. Love Pete. Line.EV. Always on ray mind, forever in my heart and still the wind beneath my wings. Love-and raise you. Much Two.



LOTS of love all the way from Bunghok to berwich. Whe you lob. Paul. LOUISE. I love everything about you from your lovely liftle nose to your magical smile. "Every-jining I do, I do E for you." \$.



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VALENTINE MESSAGES

SCOTT - Thank you for nearly nine years of happiness - love you always, John, xxxxxx

SEASICK Captain. Come Join me cruising. In international waters. Your girst Male. SHEEKA I wish you Heaven Love II.

SHURITING is an action which should not be performed by one. When I do II with you I go the cho cho.

rarely change your socks

you're still my darling

Coogle Bear Cubkins,

SPUZZYBEAR Wanted - Q.B.S Pod Persons need not apply. love you, Snusplebum xxxxx.

STEPHEN Thank-you for co home, J.E.D.

STEVE "God's gift to women" Dailyey, There's no doubl now. I lancy you like mad - Junior.

STEVE Our love will make us strong together, we can be in love forever. Jill mook

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HARY ("I know what a dais ht" Bod. Thank you for everything. All my love. Bulgy Gogo.

MG. You'll score if you try new places to be employed. I need and love you, Baseft. SIGP U M B BARK LOVE ADM METHER LERBLENG North Denkanchon für Herries. Ich Jehr Sie Racciel, Yohan. XX. MELANIE JAME - Be my chick this, and every Valentines Day. All my love always - Huggy Beer 1000s. HELISSA sweets, your CPU and RAM will be all mine. Yours graphically. Or Hervard.

MiCHAEL: Passel your kise on my enousider. We were happy! I hope you find your happiness. Miss you. All my love, J. MICHAEL Have I toki you today how much I love you? MRCHELE Je vous alma, nunc et gemper. Potnerdy. CHELLE 381 BILL

TOLANDS REKET love you lote and lots. Take care, Your shount (painted) wife, herrytail. I don't like green but I do love you. Offer yea Horse Face O'Hara. fina all my bugs, love and chill tirent always, Stawie. Miss 33,000 Feet Still thinking of you accross the miles. New flight plans welcomet See you soon, but for now. Seet 2A xxxx

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MOLEYS Madam for valentimes 1992 with love from the mole and onion fruil loot

MOULDY Old Dough, I'll be your leading Conscorer any day. Lots of Love rack.



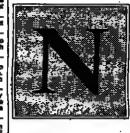
MRS MOG - Tobes and Eds have got nothing on us - Love your forever - Mr Mog. Misitatoe with Marmajam Mouses, Misiral Moppett & Mr. send you leve

MUMBU - I love you more and more each day. I'm always yours soon and forever. B. MUMBUSHELM - Bastian are white. Viters are gray, directions not good, but we'll find the way/XX

WUSHELA for such a young gel you are superb. love you madly passionately always Desmond. MY daring Not. Thankyou for your loving. All my love always, Lin.
MY DARLING Pichy. Wherever you are you will always be my Valentins. All my love Teddy.

MY DARLING BUNCH, A year has passed and my love for you grows stronger. Fat Buddah, MY Dear Keith Fosiface. Will you marry me? The Badgerstripe. MY heart throbs; we'll leave the blackboard behind, evoke the roses of Picardy, then go dutch as we cut the wedding cake that game as a birthday present, The Green Frog.

MY little E.K. Our first of reasy Valentines. Thank you for com-ing into Rip life. From the mad sex fland of Kiddermineter.

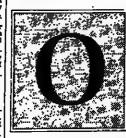


NINA, NINA. ! need your love, God speed your love, To me. David xxxxxxx

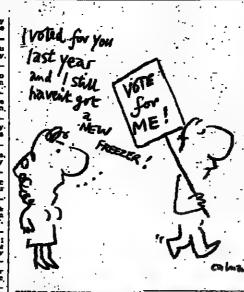
ANGY Truty one of Cod's cho-sen people from which men mortais can learn so much of the true values of life and qual-ity of love, F.P.A.

IER. - My true love, this year we begin our greatest expetition of all. I'm yours forever. L. EVER seek to tell thy love; jove-that never told can be. For the gentle wind doth move: silently: invisibly. Eppure si Muove. EWTON-LE-WILLOWS favor geti Happy valeniines Day.

O.7 I love you and atways will-Forever in my thoughts, Have written to D. Love No.8. OT one year not two but andicasty leving you <u>Angel you</u> NTR. Thankyou for all your sup-port and care over the last year. The leam love you very much. MURSE Susan Davis. Eyes like the turbulent Atlantic, be my chocolate merripan



OH Big in Food I'm glad "twee me who made for you that first car-fee and though with you the maidest lest It's giff a bun who loves you best. OKAPI 1993 in Or with you. A new don and a new country can't watt. Cuddly Penia. xxx OLD BAG Still loving you. Big Nick XXXXXXXXXX OUR love survives into ward-nobes and visiting inspectors. Let's keep present careers.





P.B. in our tomb anneshed we'll lie. Lip on lie, thigh on thigh, We'll district the passers by: sigh on sigh, cry on cry. P.C. You look wonderful longist so let fix sumatine of your love be mine, love TR.

PAIRA - Come to the sand with me. We will have 8+8. You sweet me up and made it great. three boys and you my male as

PAUL Lové burte J.

PERABIT à ini. Des que brille l'aurore. Révant à nos seus-aix Du début de l'ause. Et quant la nuit paraît Elle ne retrouve éncore Pensant à toi. Minul 15si.

Woutle & the bear

PORKYI I'm a very rich man, because I have your love, I will always love you. Roy, x

POSY Je t'aime enormement. PRINCESS My very own Princess, your greatest admirer T'airoc a la folic.



RASTA - I "Valenting" was a renemonic. "I" would be "I'u" and be "I'u" and "Ever". GO.

RAYMOND Stations Traces
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| Love Your Statio.
| Love Your Tyes, part Near Of All.
| Love Your Thighs.
| RED CAPESH, Libraries took
| Love Bins King.

SHURGLEWG or inuggistants' You're V. scrummy and cleve and Mr II loves you bellings. ROGER All my Love Darling
Always, your Pad. Absopt, 1992 Past.

ROHY Love you, always did.

ROHN Love you, always did.

ROHN Love you, always and selected in the selected of the selected ROSALISTO of Venice, I love you toure than ever, Peter.

ROSE A loving thought with a fewed secondaryment. Ever the mounty open for the your LDL.

ROSEMARY Four times my valentine. Quadruple caddles and kines. Je t'akse. Tom. BOSES are red and robins are grey my life's without colour when you are away. BOSH - Terracottes are not my first love, nor black stockings, but your RLY always. Miles. ROWERA All my love as always
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RU Love you lots missing you like med, have and hugs Mr Been not:

RUSCOMME and impay birthday ion. Themis you for everything love you wary much. Fanny.



S.J.H. Love you. S.L.D.S. - All my love forever. M. SAL BASS We love you and miss you. Please come home. Chris-Dahy and Strudles. SALLY. Darting, grow old along with me · The best is yet to be. Love you. Terry. S-AM. The moment I knew I loved you for certain and for ever? Halfway round the pond, just past the ducks. J.

SAMBY Seal love the Puffin. Happy Valentines Day. SAMDI - Put II under S? You must be loking, that would be far ton obvious. SANDRA is a wenabe accounting, B is a wanabe Sandra's lover. SASIDRA Dut they all really do ht? Find out tonight. Love HP P.S. Have a light lunch. EARDRA I promised to keep you warm. But your feet are diffi-cult. I love you Peter.



SATYR - Your stren still calls for you and I know you can hear me and know what it means. SAXY BLOSSOM. IGLILIES (Lou and Lee). Carp Batterson Bridge Cope. I mit? Catfight. Catfight. I'm skil No.1. SWEET PEA - two hearts agree is the choice of flower that embodies true love eternally cated, love you forever... SCORPIO Doormal, your mady still loves you JOCOCODOCCOCOCOCC

Y.S. Not a minute of any hour, of lany day passes when you are far from my thoughts. B.S.

BMITH J.E. All the love from Pink Well Lake inventor. Even though you

THE Best of British, love Charjes

TALK shout love but only lonight. All the love Alson on always, Martin.

"TALK TO BEE" a "Right" you list me every night. But move you know its true I result do you have you know its true I result do.

THERE - Your'e desirable enjoy-able, admissic, love & seed you forever, J XXXXX

THINK HAM For you are all

TO A. with love as always J.
With our naughty Euro-kies
you and I will never miss. TO ALISON you are givens in my thoughts I will love you always. Kevin. TO B.A.M.— 20 Magical Years, I Love You More Than Ever, The Best is Yet To Be. Jon.

TO DIANA - All my love - Corky

TO Frances, my one and only valentine, now and for evermore, love Bruce (AF 1).

TO Little Effic and Tlay Effic with all my love to you both. But Effic. TO little Smithy, Happy Valen-tines from your own loving man big H.

TO my Mail Queen Maul Plaint. 55 whels an bonest women, love The Secon Pie.

TO T.M.O.M.M.O.M.M.F. and M.M.O.M.M.F. I love you both 10 to the 6 + 1 ME.

TO S Boy, the bonds are still tied -please don't hide, love TB Ctrl.

TO SWD from SWD, you are sim-ply the best and PD agreed Happy Valenthus Dec.

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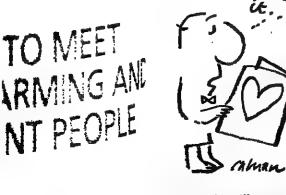
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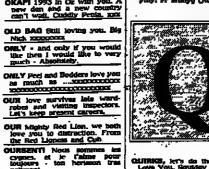
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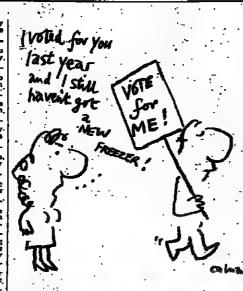
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Engineering a social revolt

messianic gleam in his eye. In his office in South Kensington, surrounded by artefacts of the industrial past, he nurses the conviction that it is not too late to reverse Britain's decline as a manufacturing nation.

This is an aim that has defeated generations of strong men, but Dr Cossons is not discouraged. Unlike most of his predecessors in the director's chair, he takes seriously the injunction by Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, that the museum should provide a platform for improving British industry and technology.

Not all of Dr Cossons's views are quite what one expects. At the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in Chicago grammes for the public understanding of science as too often being no more than special pleading on behalf of scientists. He has little sympathy for the complaints of esearch scientists who think that Britain's future depends on bigger budgets for them.

Every evangelist needs a text, and Dr Cossons's is English Culture and the Decline of the Industrial Spirit 1850-1980 by Martin J. Weiner. Jones Professor of Histoat Rice University in

Professor Weiner argues that in the second half of the 19th century British society turned away from the vigor ous entrepreneurs who had created the most powerful nation on Earth. Full of guilt at the results of industrisilisation and propelled by snobbery, the nation's elite turned its back on enterprise. From that moment, finance was valued more highly than industry, science more than technology, the countryside more than the city, and landed aristocratic values more than the rough and ready heroes who peopled such books as Samuel Smiles's Self-Help.

Britain could be a great manufacturer if technology was not denigrated, Neil

Cossons, director of the Science Museum, tells Nigel Hawkes

'One of our

objectives is

to ensure

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culturally

his own career. As the

director of the National Mar-

itime Museum from 1983 to

1986, he plunged into the

argument about the morality

of charging admission to national collections. The re-verberations followed him

when he became the director

charger, declar-ing that the fuss

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adopting a new

approach, the

dwindled into irrelevance by

the end of the century. He

says that when he arrived as

director he found that a large

part of the museum's re-sources had been diverted to

establish an offshoot, the photographic museum in

"It's much easier to start a

new museum than sustain an

old one," he says. "I arrived to find the Science Museum

very tired, grubby and demoralised."

Charging, he was warned

would reduce the numbers

coming through the doors. "We knew that would hap-

pen, but we also knew that the

number of visitors we were

claiming was a considerable

exaggeration. The same goes

for all the large-volume free-

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Dr Cossons believes that cepts of the entrepreneur to Professor Weiner has it right. He quotes an editorial from The Engineer magazine in 1911, which regretted the introduction of American manufacturing techniques because they would undermine the qualities of British craftsmanshin.

"British craftsmanship is one of the weights around the neck of British

industry." he says. "It should long ago have been replaced high-grade technology creativity is. Craftsmanship is an exnot working; it hand-made, therefore it's better, Actually, if it's hand-

most inevitably inconsistent, and may well Science Museum would have not work." Engineers, he says, are just

as creative as post-Modernist architects, or abstract painters, or theatre producers. What is wrong is society's valuation of them. "It is a major cultural failing of catastrophic proportions, and it's nothing to do with the deindustrialisation of the 1980s, much of which was inevitable. It is our complete failure to believe that we have an engineering culture.

"The way we treat engineers in this country is a national scandal, in terms of how we breed them, train them, believe in them, talk to them, pay them . . .

Dr Cossons is not an engineer himself, but a geogra-pher who has worked in museums all his life. He has, however, done his best to snipe at my colleagues in the apply the down-to-earth pre British Museum or the Natbelieve their figures." have indeed declined, from a

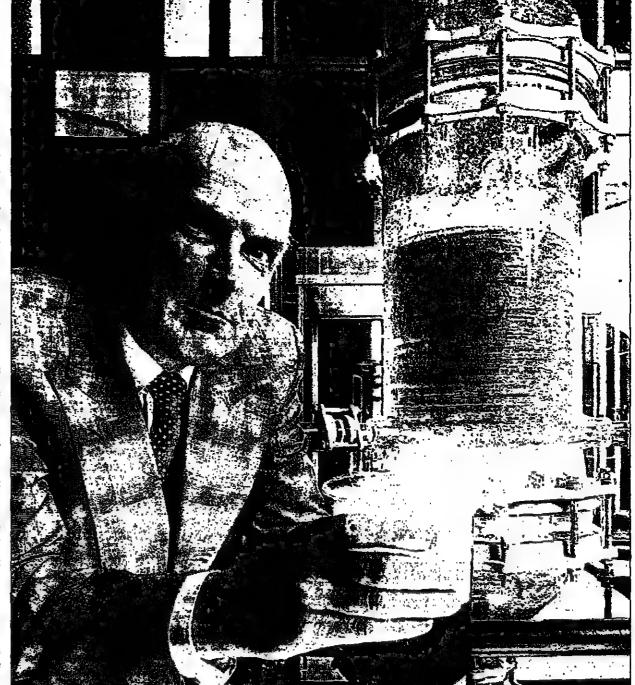
claimed 2.8 million that in reality was probably nearer two million, to 1.1 million in the first year of charging and 1.3 million last year. At halfterm, the museum was uncomfortably crowded, with queues around the block.

The money we're getting from charges is enabling us to improve our product quite radically. There aren't any galleries now where half the ight bulbs don't work, and the place is squeaky clean. We open on Sunday mornings. When I came, the shop was losing £200,000 a year, although nobody knew because the accounting system wasn't good enough to pick it up. This year, we shall have £3 million from charging and the shop and so on, on top of our grant-in-aid."

harging has not changed the social comes through the doors. "It's what we've always known. Museums are middle-class institutions; it's the middle classes who shout about charging, not the working classes who either don't come in at all or, if they do, are quite used to paying." He spent the first two years

In the job trying to define what the Science Museum should really be about. It is not, he believes, anything like an art gallery. "If you've got 4,000 fabulous pictures, you haven't got much opportunity to do anything but show them to the public. We have a lot more choices. What we think we're about is promoting a public understanding of science, on the back of the world's greatest collection of

science and technology.
"Within this building, to use a crude measure of significance, there are more world firsts than all the other museums of science; technology. industry and medicine put together. The popular perception of the Science Museum is a bright and cheerful sort of place, full of squealing child-ren. In among all these child-



Strong brew: Neil Cossons draws cultural and social conclusions from Britain's decline as an industrial giant

ren are Arkwright's water frame, Stephenson's Rocket, the great prime movers of Newcomen and Watt - all completely overlooked. One of our objectives is to ensure that the scientific and engineering heritage is recog-nised culturally."

Presenting the history of science and industry, however, involves difficult choices. Are we here to promote the interests of science and technology? Or are we here to. present the issues, warts and all?" Dr Cossons has opted

for the latter, although he is well aware that the warts have aiready had a very good run. Interestingly, he does not see it as part of his job to champion the cause of basic scientists. "I'm not convinced at all by the moans and groans of the scientific com-

don't believe it's the key ters, he feels, is the translation of science into technology. and technology into industry and that is where Britain's major cultural failing lies.

To put that right is rather more than a mayeum director can hope to achieve. Dr Cossons is trying, neverthe-less. Last year the museum launched a corporate partnership programme, encouraging companies to provide support, particularly for promunity about investment. I. grammes that encourage young people to take up careers in science, technology and industry. Working with Imperial College, the museum supports the world's first Professor of the Public Un-

derstanding of Science, John

Durant, and in April will host a conference on the subject. Dr Cossons believes that it will be a long way back for Britain. The British middle class, he told the AAAS, is "intelligent, articulate, and profoundly anti-capitalist". To change those attitudes will take time. "The national curriculum is a step in the right direction." he says, "but I don't think we are going to have an industrial base unless we invest in engineers and engineering, and make them valued people."

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By the late summer a handful of crashed cars and rotting bangers should be making automotive history by becoming the first vehicles in Britain to be almost completely

recycled.

A pilot plant, which is expected to be located in the South-East and will be owned and operated by BMW, is scheduled to open its doors in June.

Its doors in June.

About 30 cars a day will enter a building bristling with specially developed technology designed to extract automatically environmentally harmful liquids such as brake, clutch and partiferent flyide before year. anti-freeze fluids, before rapidly dismantling the vehicles and reclaiming the individ-

ual components. Workers, armed with manuals detailing the best way to take apart different models. should be able break down each BMW in two to three hours before dispatching its

metal frame to a shredder. Materials such as plastics will be sent away for reprocessing into bumpers and other car components, or other products such as garden furniture.

Metals, such as the shredded car frames, will be sent steel-smelting plants. Radiators, rear axles, gear boxes, engines, lights, pumps and starter motors will be either shredded or recon-ditioned and sold.

The British pilot plant will draw on the company's experience at its German operation at Landshut, near Munich, where a similar recycling facility has been operating for two years... The company has learnt

that the keys to recycling begin with the building of the cars so that, for example, the minimum number of different materials is used, harmful substances are reduced, and plastics are labelled so that different types can be instantly identified and separated.

have been developed to rip



Right for reclaiming? BMW is to recycle cars in Britain

ers from old exhausts to reclaim the precious metals that coat the anti-pollution

devices.
The company is also examining ways of dealing with the remaining waste, known in the trade as "fluff" — bits of rubber, dirt, fabrics. some oil and contaminated plastics - which traditionally has been buried. A paper mill has been burning some of this instead of coal.

The decision to establish a pilot plant in Britain high-lights the growing worldwide impetus to make the car. if not environmentally friendly. at least more environ-mentally benign. Over recent years com-

panies have come up with leaner-burning engines, hybrid engines that use batteries to reduce consumption of fossil fuels, and plan to use more aluminium to make cars lighter and more fuel

efficient.

The European Commission recently announced plans to fund research into fuel cell devices that turn hydrogen and oxygen into electricity and water. At the University of Wales

in Aberystwyth, a team led by James Bolton is developing composite materials that could take over from purely an be instantly identified man-made materials in cars.

The materials, the most promising of which come are been developed to rip from that but could also come

parts as tough as carbon or Keviar materials, but come from a renewable source and, after their useful life as car

components, are easier to burn for electricity produc-tion than man-made tibres. New fuels are also being developed that will cut exhaust emissions and and help farmers produce crops more economically.

British Gas, for example,

has been running a fleet of vans powered by compressed natural gas, while the Com-mission is funding research into plants that produce sug-ars which can be fermented into alcohol-haned fuels. Several, for example, are

focusing on the Jerusalem artichoke, whose fleshy tubets contain inulin, a polymer of fructose and glucose. Studies indicate that 70 tonnes of artichokes could produce 7,600 litres of fuel.

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Oil companies are reassessing plants such as the jojoba and the palm as a way of substituting environ-mentally barmful oil additives with natural lubricants. Britain has been slow to the cores of catalytic convert- from straw, may provide car respond to automobile remonth of the establishment of the Automotive Con-Disposal (Acord).

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This new industry body, set up following studies initiated by the Centre for the Exploitation of Science and Technology, brings together the British arms of Ford, Rover, Vauxhall, BMW, Nissan, Peugeot Talbot and the Bird Group, as well as United Engineering Steels, two companies involved in ve-

hicle scrapping. Under Acord, which is expected to become the govern-ment's advisory body, more vehicle recycling projects are likely to start in the summer, accompanied by studies to ensure that the country has the right balance of dismantling centres and mar-kets for recycled materials. The Bird Group, for exam-

ple, is working with Rover to assess the best and most cost-effective ways of dis-mantling and recycling its But John Whittaker, the

group environmental manager of Bird, which is based at Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, says the com-pany intends to be more pragmatic than some continental car companies.
"The economics are such

that the law of diminishing returns comes in very sharply," he says. "You have got to work out whether it really is worthwhile, for example, trying to recycle a little bit of plastic on top of a brass bit on top of a

carburettor."

Part of the recycling scheme includes using technology, pioneered in Vienna, that will incinerate the fuff to generate electricity for the national grid.
Tony Bird, the company's

joint managing director, says: "Between 18 and 25 per cent of a car currently goes to landfill. We hope, at first, to be able to bring that percentage down by about

The rest, weighing 120kg to 200kg, would be used to fuel power stations sited at car recyling plants, each of possibly around 2.5MW in size, that might be able to heat and light both the plant and several thousand homes. Studies indicate that Britain's car recycling industry might be able to support up to 30 such power stations.

NICK NUTTALL

Are we right to keep left?

In Europe, Britain is virtually alone in driving on the left. Kevin Eason looks at the growing pressure for a change

obody knows exactly why we in Britain drive on the left. But we do know that while Europeans drive nappily from country to country in the changing world of a European Community without borders, we suffer a singular and expensive disadvantage: we drive on the wrong side of the road.

There are several theories about how this happened, including one that carriage drivers liked to sit on the right to use their whip hand freely. On the Continent, carriages were usually steered by a postilion or outrider, who sat on the left rear horse and needed to pass on the right to gauge the clearance with passing traffic.

The most romantic version is that British travellers on horseback liked to keep left so they were free to draw their swords from a scabbard that hung from the left side of the belt. against highwaymen on the rough and tortuous roads.

Napoleon was apparently on to that bit of English curning fairly early on, ordering his army to march traffic to upset the English armies when he met them.

The fact remains that almost two centuries after Napoleon's righthand drive through Europe, a million British motorists are exposed every year to the complexities of driving the "wrong" way when they leave cross-Channel ferries to start holidays abroad.

Their two-week break turns into a tricky memory act as they try to make sure that they look the correct way at road junctions. The Automo-bile Association deals with 90 accidents a month in France alone because motorists become confused over which side of the road they

Travelling in the opposite direction, foreign motorists, used to driving in several European nations on the right, are constantly baffled by Britain's insistence on remaining

As the Monopolies and Mergers Commission reminded us last week, British drivers also pay a cash penalty for the historical decision to drive on the opposite side of the road from the rest of Europe. Foreign manufacturers spend between £100 and £300 to swap steering wheels for British market, which, the commission observed, only added to the price of a car in Britain.

Even home-based British manufacturers are likely soon to be charging a premium for the privi-lege of their cars being the wrong way around as exports become more important. Rover, for example, wants 60 per cent of output to be sold abroad eventually.

Many nations have changed successfully, although not necessarily out of choice. Often, military dictatorships decided for them. Austria switched in 1937, Czechoslovakia in 1939 and Hungary in 1939. Iceland and Sweden, in the

1960s, are the most recent, amid much blowing of horns and minor

The first few days of the changeover in Sweden in 1967 were chaotic. Accidents increased by 10 per cent as many distraught drivers found themselves facing a tidal wave of traffic. Both Sweden and Iceland had far fewer vehicles than Britain has, and some imported models were already fitted for driving on the

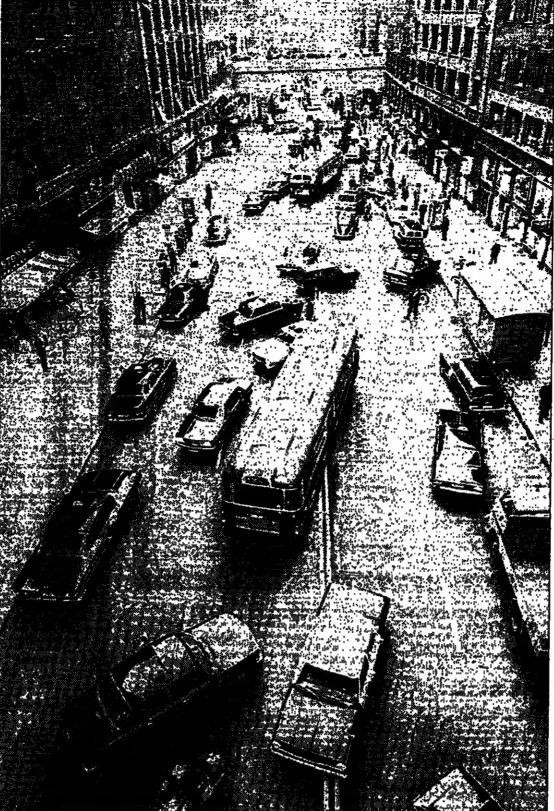
alcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, says the experience of those countries is small change compared with what would have to happen in Britain, where 23 million vehicles already clutter the roads. The bill for changing road signs and junctions would be at least £2 billion. About 115,000 buses, with doors that would open on to the "wrong" side of the road, would have to be scrapped.

Britain can take heart from the fact that it is not alone. Almost 60 countries drive on the left, many of them, such as the Irish Republic, Malta, South Africa, India, Austra-lia and Hong Kong, because of historical connections with Britain. Our biggest ally on the wrong side

biggest car market.
Nobody seems to know why the Japanese are the wrong way around, although perhaps it is because the British supplied many of their early cars, particularly Austins, for assem-

is Japan, which is the world's second

The Japanese are certainly dedi-cated to keeping left. Okinawa, probably separately influenced to the right by its American naval base, provides the only recorded case of a transfer to the left — in July 1978.



Go left - no, stay right: confusion in the streets of Stockholm as Sweden switched sides in 1967

ROADWISE

Danger on top

LOADING the roof rack with suitcases, sleeping bags and a baby buggy could be dangerous. To prove the point, the Motor Industry Research Association is starting safety tests on roof racks. The tests have been commissioned by Thule, the Swedish manufacturer of "high-tech" roof boxes, which wants legislation to safeguard consumers and will use the association's results to back its claims.

New-type Tipo

FIAT says its Tipo cars now have better sound insulation, seats, suspension, exhausts, electrics and transmission after a substantial revision of the range. Specifications have also been upgraded to meet the demands of the increasingly tough British market Prices, meanwhile, go up by an average of 2 per cent and now range from £8,598 to £13,949.

Astra extras

FOR the Astra driver who has everything but wants more comes a range of accessories, from wooden steering wheels to special racks for carrying bicycles. Vauxhall says it has developed the accessories to allow drivers to go to the company's 580 dealers to choose manufacturer-speci-

Moscow Mercs

RUSSIA's bread queues may get longer but at least the privileged few will be able to wait at the kerbside in their limousines. Mercedes-Benz has just opened its first Moscow showroom, with 70 staff capable of working on 40 cars daily. Mercedes cars and vans will be on display for the eager Muscovites to look over even if they cannot afford to buy them.

Certainly, executives from the German company are taking no chances with the success of the venture - the showroom was blessed by a Russian Orthodox priest.

£1m of safety

BMW has got the message

home secretary, about car security. The company is spending £1 million on offering its owners a free security audit, halving the price of anti-theft systems to about £250 and improving dead-iocking to older 5 and 7 series cars. Tom Purves, the managing director of BMW (GB). says the programme will run until March 20 and will help owners to protect their cars further at a time when motor crimes are being committed at almost two a minute.

Selling point

AS doubts persist over the merits of showroom haggling for the best price, the British motor industry should take note: a garage in the United States fired all its nine salesmen, and sold more cars.
Automotive News, the leading American motor industry newspaper, says a Chrysler



dealer in Florida jettisoned the old ways of haggling for the best price in favour of a one-price, non-negotiable deal. Sales in the first three weeks of January were 31 new and 45 used vehicles com-pared with 19 new and 53 used last year.

Prize Primeras

THE awards keep rolling in for Nissan's Primera model, built at Washington, Tyne and Wear. After collecting a bagful of trophies last year, the company starts 1992 with the Primera being voted best mid-sized import by Auto Motor and Sport, one of Germany's leading motoring magazines. That is a boost for the British factory, which looks to Germany as one of its biggest potential markets, having sold nearly 38,000 cars there last year.

For Thames Man, the Essex car

f Essex Man loves to add furry dice to his old Cortina, a crafty Brummie is Likely to be looking for a good deal when he buys a car. When recession was something a car dealer suffered in his hairline and not his bank balance. It did not matter how many cars were waiting in the showroom to be sold.

"You want an Escort, mate, then we've got red ones and blue ones. Just take your pick," the dealers could say. The only negotiation was how much small change was going to be knocked off the

Now every sale has to be won against fierce competition from manufacturers offering as many discount schemes and cute extras as each other.

But dealers are a car company's strength. They face the customer in showrooms, they get to know their quirks and foibles, their likes and dislikes.

Ian McAllister, the chairman of Ford UK, is capitalising on that strength by logging regional preferences on their

The company has set up 11 dealer groups with the autonomy to decide on local needs and advertising, then order A survey has allowed

Ford to cater for

from Ford's factories the cars they want, with their personal specifications. Buyers in London, for example, are worried about car crime, so they want more security features. In Birmingham, they prefer an attractive finance package with monthly repayments lower than eisewhere. In Newcastle, buvers will look

for a low sticker price on cars not too fancy but showing value for money. Convertibles are big sellers but mainly among women as a family's second car, and more often in the South. In rural areas and Northern Ireland, buyers are too sensible to worry about the "pose factor" of their car. They demand diesels

for high fuel economy.

The first effects of the research were shown off this week by dealers in the Thames area. Ford's biggest region, it has about 100 dealers, who are expected to sell about 75,000 cars this year.

They have devised their own regional model, called the Fiesta Fanfare, tailored to the needs of drivers in and around the capital. They thought out the features their customers wanted most. Security was a main issue, leading to an alarm being added as a standard feature for the first time, plus window etching and a security coded stereo radio-cassette.

The engine is a 1.1-litre and there are two new colours - nouveau red and Matisse blue - and mud flaps, rear spoiler and sunroof. The price is £7,499, and comes with low rate finance, free RAC membership, six-year rust warranty and servicing costs kept down to £100

That powerful package is endorsed by Mr McAllister, who has authorised production of the first 2,000 cars from

the Dagenham factory in Essex. Now he wants dealers in the other ten UK regions to think out their own special

"I am not going to make an Essex Man joke," he said, "but we have to appeal to their preferences."

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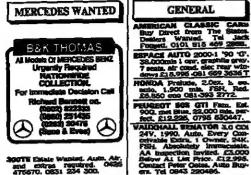
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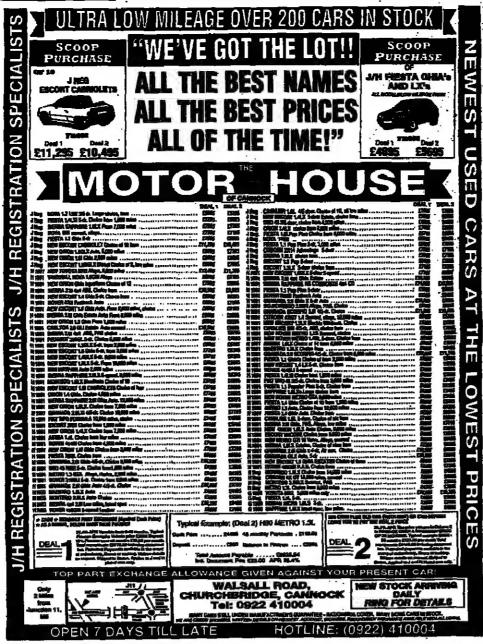
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Crome in Sittingbourne County Court on December 14, 1990, inter alia, that she was entitled to damages for trespass against Sid-ney and Polly Linda Beaney, the freehold owners, arising from the invasion of her garden for the purposes of constructing the access road but was not entitled to damages under the head of men-tal distress.

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The court did not agree with Mr Justice Vinelott that a com-plaint about the fixing of the receivers' remuneration at an nreaonably high level could only be pursued in a separate action.

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[Judgment February 5]

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relevant taxing statute, sections 20 and 21 of and Schedule 5 to

the Finance Act 1975, to the "single composite whole" formed

by the transactions. The result was that tax was to be charged

under paragraph 4 of Schedule 5 as if Mrs Cole had made a

Solicitors: Wilsons, Salisbury; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

chargeable transfer.

in their findings. The two settle-

ments were made in circum-stances that satisfied each of the

four essential elements laid down

by Lord Oliver.
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Court of Appeal Tax plan was pre-ordained

Mortgagor can challenge costs

Gomba Holdings (UK) Ltd and Others v Minories Finance Ltd and Others

Before Sir Stephen Brown, President, Lord Justice Stocker and Before Sir Stephen Brown, President, Lord Justice Stocker and Lord Justice Scott It was clear that the costs. [Judgment January 30] It was open to a mortgagor, on the taking of a mortgage account, to object to the amount of costs,

charges and expenses referred to in the legal mortgage of February 18, 1985, which was typical of all the mortgage deeds, and to the guarantee and debenture of June 6, 1985 might include both costs, charges and expenses, on the ground that they were unreasoncharges and expenses incidential able or improper, which a mort-gagee claimed to be entitled to to litigation and costs, charges and expenses incurred otherwise than in litigation. charge or retain out of mortgaged

Dispersion costs and non-litiga-tion costs in an account could be The court referred to the provisions relating to the taxation of costs in Order 62, rule 1(4) of the referred to a taxing master to decide what amount was Rules of the Supreme Court and kuies of the supreme Court and that, in its opinion, the meaning of "costs" was not con-fined to lingation costs. The court had full discretion The Court of Appeal so held, allowing in part an appeal by the plaintiffs, Gomba Holdings (UK)

over linigation costs incurred in proceedings between mortgagor and mortgagee. There were three interlocking issues.
(i) What level of recovery or

retention of costs and expenses actually incurred did the deeds permit? (ii) How was the defendants' entitlement to be quantified in relation to the litigation costs and the non-litigation costs.
(iii) To what extent, if at all, could the court curtail the recovery or retention of costs to which the defendants were contractually

The court referred to a series of cases culminating in Parker-Tweedale v Dunbar Bank plc (No

2) ([1991] Ch 26). The following principles emerged: I An order for the payment of costs of proceedings by one party to another party was always a

discretionary one.

2 Where there was a contractual right to the costs, the discretion as to reflect that contractual right.

3 The power of the court to

No damages for

mental distress

disallow a mortgagee's costs sought to be added to the mort-

to it the terms of which resemp-tion would be allowed.

4 A decision by a court to refuse costs, in whole or in part, to a mortgage litigant might be a decision in the exercise of section 51 discretion or a decision in the

security or a combination of two
or more of those things.
5 A mortgagee was not to be
deprived of a contractual or
equitable right to add costs to the
security merely by reason of an
order for payment of costs made gagee's contractual or equitable rights and without any adjudica-tion as to whether or not the

mortgagee should be deprived of

nity basis.
On the taking of the account the

To make good any particular objection the plaintiffs had to satisfy the Chancery master or the

Hatton and Others v Inland Revenue Commissionera Before Mr Justice Chadwick

The tax avoidance principle of fiscal nullity laid down by the House of Lords in W. T. Ramsay Ltd v IRC ([1982] AC 300) applied to settlements of property made for the admitted purpose of avoiding liability to capital transfer tax; known as the "reverter to settlor" scheme.

Special commissioners were entitled to infer that on execution of the first settlement the second would follow and they could thus conclude that the settlements together were to be treated as a pre-ordained series of

ansactions. Mr Justice Chadwick so held in a reserved judgment in the Chan-cery Division dismissing appeals by the taxpeyers, Mrs Sylvia Hatton, Miss S. E. Brown, Mr J. M. Bowers, Mr M. N. Cox and Mr P. H. Lawson, against a decision of the special commissioners upholding notices of determination of a chargeable transfer of value by the late Mrs

MR JUSTICE CHADWICK said that in 1978 Mrs Cole, then terminally ill, granted general power of attorney to her daughter, Mrs Hatton, and her solicitor, Mr On August 10, 1978 Mr

Lawson, having consulted tax advisers, decided to make various dispositions to avoid the tax otherwise payable on Mrs Cole's death. On that day the first settlement was executed in Mrs Hatton's favour transferring property to trustees.

in another firm of solicitors as to

whether she should take any further action. As a result of practical likelihood that the adopting that suggestion. Mrs Hamon, acting on the advice she received, later that same day resulted have that same day resulted have investigated. The commissioners had applied the correct test and were justified

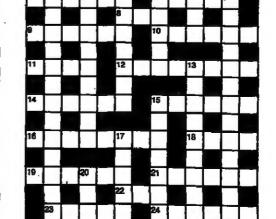
August 20.
The taxpayers accepted that the

In Craven v White (1989) AC 398, 514) Lord Oliver of Aylmerton, setting out the four elements essential for the application of the Ramsay principle, laid down that the series of transactions had to be "pre-ordained in

Mr Herbert contended that at the time when Mr Lawson executed the first settlement the second, although pre-planned, was not pre-ordained in the sense required to satisfy Lord Oliver's formulation. He argued that there had to be some degree of control capable of being sensitied. control capable of being exercised by Mr Lawson over Mrs Hatton's subsequent decision to execute the second settlement, or some bargain, understanding or deal be-tween those two at the time of

execution of the first settlement. There were passages in the speeches in Craven v White which, taken out of context, might be thought to support those contentions. But read as a whole they did not support the gloss that Mr Herbert sought to place on Lord Oliver's formulation. A pre-ordained series of trans-

actions meant no more than a series of transactions which had been pre-planned to take place in



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2 First tobacco importer

4 Jewish vernacular (7)

5 Cough medicine (5) 6 Clear (3)

7 Ineffective argument

13 Rocket launch sequence

(9) 15 Two-coloured horse (7)

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Application for leave to appeal refused ment that the Sherer principle, formulated in relation to section Daisystar Ltd v Town and ruling that it had no jurisdiction

Country Building Society Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of die Rolls. Justice Nolan and Lord Justice

[Judgment January 30]

The filter provided by section 54(6) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 prohibiting any appeal to the Court of Appeal from the determination by a single lord justice of an application for leave to appeal, was not limited by the Scherer principle (Scherer v Counting Instruments Ltd (Note) ([1986] 1 WLR 615)) whereby the jurisdiction of the appellate court was not ousted if the judge had not exercised his discretion on a proper basis or at all. The Court of Appeal so stated no entertain an appeal by the applicants, Daisystar Ltd and Mr Ibrahim Khan Raja, from the refusal by Lord Justice Balcombe of leave to appeal against orders made by Mr Justice Muramery and Mr Justice Mervyn Davies. Mr Peter Martin for the

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that it was claimed that Lord Justice Balcombe was mistaken in refusing leave to appeal, in particular by taking account of a document in dismissing one of the applications which did not in fact relate to it. In Aden Refinery Co Ltd v

ship had rejected a similar argu-

18(1)(f) of the Supreme Court Act 1981, could not be applied to section 1(6A) of the Arbitration Act 1979, as inserted by section 148(2) of the 1981 Act. In Aden he had referred to In re Racal Communications Ltd (1981) AC 374) where a similar

Ugland Management Co Ltd (1987) QB 650, 661) his Lord-

54(6), just as in Aden he had applied it to section 1(6A). Both decisions were in any event binding on the court.

remote possibility that a judge might reach his conclusion owing to some mischance, for example that he was considering a dif-ferent case. It could then be argued that there had not been a decision at all and then quite

Justice Steyn agreed.

His Lordship now applied the reasoning in Racal to section

mempi had been made to apply the Scherer principle to section 441 of the Companies Act 1948. The natio of the decision was that the Scherer principle was only explicable on the basis that hereas the ouster of jurisdiction in section 18(1)(f) of the 1981 Act was on its face limited and the limitation had been construed restrictively, that in section 441 was plainly unlimited.

Referring to and affirming dicta of Lord Justice Mustill in Aden (at p666), his Lordship accepted that there could be a

plainly section 54(6) would not That was not the present case, and the court had no jurisdiction to entertain the applications. Lord Justice Nolan and Lord

Solicitors: Belier Needleman.

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax (43882) 6.30 Breakfast News (12916153) 9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a discussion on a topical subject (4172820) 9.50 Hot Chefs. A terrine of chocolate and prunes with

fig in raspberry sauce (5187998) 10.00 News, regional news and weather (6937511) 10.05 Playdays (r) (1627733) 10.25 Playd (r) (6947998) 10.35 No Kidding, Family

quiz game show (5421462)

11.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 Travel Show Extra.
Reports from Morecambe Bay, Dedham Vale in Constable country, the Belgian resort of Knokke and a survival course in the Outer Hebrides (7304443) 11.30 People Today presented by Miriam Stoppard and Russell Grant (3080240)

12.20 Pebble MRI. Music and that introduced by Alan Titchmarsh (3996004) 12.55 Regional News and weather (90033646)
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (22004) 1.30 Neighbours.

(Ceetax) (s) (60115917) 1.50 Film: Sabrina Fair (1954, b/w).

 CHOCE Left out of the recent Billy Wilder season, Sabrina Fair
 screened instead as an offering for Valentine's day. Both decisions can be justified. The film is untypical of Wilder's work and it is a romantic cornedy. The source is a play by Samuel Taylor, perhaps better known as a writer for Alfred Hitchcock, and it was adapted by Taylor and another Hitchcock regular, Ernest Lehman. If the acerbic Wilder wit is largely missing, it is a film of some charm, notable for the hillarious miscasting of Humphrey Bogart in a part cut out for Cary Grant. Whatever Bogart's talents were, they did not include urbane comedy. Bogart and William Holden play brothers of a rich Long Island family. Bogart is the solemn, industrious one and Holden the playboy and they are competing for the attentions of the chauffeur's daughter, Audrey Hepburn

(78373801)
3.40 Bugs Burny (7696172) 3.50 Bitsa. Ideas on recycling household waste into useful objects (s) (6872849) 4.05 Jackanory. Helena Bonham-Carter with the last part of *The Way to Sattin Shore*, by Philippa Pearce (6362240) 4.20 The Further Adventures of SuperTed. Cartoon (r) (9966424) 4.30 Hangar 17, Music and fun

super red. Cartoot (r) (Section 1) (2352569)

4.55 Newsround Extra. A report on today's vote in parliament on a new law to protect wild animals (3906085) 5.10 Grange Hill. School drama serial. (Ceefax) (s) (2112153) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (303288). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster

6.00 News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (917) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (250). Northern Ireland: Neighbours

6.30 Regional News Magazines (269). Northern keland: Neighbours
7.00 Wogan. Tonight's actition includes the results of last year's
Children in Need appeal (s) (370153)
7.35 Harry and the Hendersons. American comedy series. (Cesfax)



They're free it's the final call for the camp hoteliers (8.00pm) 8.00 Grace and Favour. The last in the camp comedy series in which the staff of Grace Brothers are transferred to a country house

holel. Tonight they await the arrival of a party of Americans on a cultural tour of Europe. (Ceefax) (s) (2191)

8.30 Caught in the Act. Another selection of home video disasters introduced by Shane Richie. (Ceefax) (s) (8998)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn-Lews. (Ceefax) Regional news

and weather (1820) 9.30 Love Hurts. Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran's comedy drams continues with Frank and Tessa's relationship taking a back seat

to domestic troubles. (Ceefax) (s) (635375)

10.20 Film: Killer on Board (1977) starring Claude Atkins, George Hamilton and Jene Seymour. Standard made-for-television disaster movie about the passengers and crew of a luxury cruise liner being struck down by a deadly virus. Directed by Philip Leacock (797085). Wales: Snooker 10.50-12.00 Film: The Night Stalker Nethers Instances 10.00 Film: The Night Stalker, Northern Ireland: Sportscene 10.40 Film: Trancers 11.55 Olympics '92 introduced by Helen Rollason. The first phase of the

loe dance competition with commentary from Christopher Dean. Dean has a family interest: his wife Isabelle and her brother Paul Duchesnay are the favourites. Plus a round-up of the ice hockey action (877004) 12.45am Weather (6714486)

6.45 Open University: The Necessity for History (8322820). Ends at

BBC 2

7.10

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8.00 Breakfast News (2489801)
8.15 Westminster. An up-date of business from both Houses (9491085)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes
2.00 News and weather (10429714) followed by Words and Pictures.
Reading for five to seven-year-olds (r) (74064530) 2.15 Weekend Outbook. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (10419337)
2.20 Sport on Friday presented by Helen Rollason. Coverage of the Winter Olympics with action from the 120km ski-jumping team event the double lune, the women's \$x7.5km triathion and ice

event, the double luge, the women's 3x7.5km triathlon and ice hockey. Wales: Snooker and Olympics, News and weather at 3.00 (3608882) 3.50 News, regional news and weather (7690996) 4.00 Catchword. Paul Coia with another rounbd of the game for

wordsmiths (882)

wordsmitts (1862)
4.30 Wildlife Gerns. Fergus Keeling introduces film clips of beby animals making their first tantative moves (r) (406)
5.00 Special Children Special Project. A look at the efforts of a Barnados fostering project in finding homes in the Birmingham area for children with severe learning difficulties or profound disabilities. The youngsters would otherwise find themselves condemned to a lifetime in institutions (1849)
5.30 Common Blaces Geoffrey Smith travels to West Tanfield near

5.30 Growing Places. Geoffrey Smith travels to West Tarrifeld, near Ripon, to soak up the beauty of another north of England garden (r)

5.35 The Clothes Show. Includes a look at how a small Irish family firm became the producer of a million T-shirts a week (r) (s) (390530) 6.00 Olympics Today. Desmond Lynam introduces action from day seven (11007849)

7.40 Dr Who (b/w). Episode three of the five-part adventure The Mind Robber, starring Patrick Troughton in the title role, first shown in 1968 (r) (960269) 8.00 Public Eye: Acquaintance Rape — Hidden from View, Hidden from Justice?

 CHOICE: Ever the model of crisp and pertinent reporting, Public Eye turns its ettention to rape. Jenny Cuffe's film is built round a new study suggesting that as many as one in five women are survivors of rape or attempted rape. Very few of the victims go to the police. This is because most rapes are carried out by men who are friends and acquaintances. Not unnaturally women tend either are menics and acqueintances. Not climatizely women tent a center to blame themselves or leef that no one will believe them. In the United States the phenomenon is known as "date rape", a term tamiliar from the William Kennedy Smith trial. Despite the reluctance of victims to come forward, the number of reported rapes in Britain has doubled in the past decade. Yet less than half the men accused of rapes in magistrates' courts are found guilty, the lowest conviction rate for a serious crime (5743)

8.30 Old Garden, New Gardener. In the last of their series for the novice gerdener Geoff Hamilton and Gay Search offer advice on getting rid of troublesome trees and how to plant new ones.

9.00 Victoria Wood - as Seen on TV. More delicious comic monologues, sketches and songs and another episode from the spool soap Acom Antiques from Wood's 1985 series. With Julie Walters, Cella Imrie, Duncan Preston and Susie Blake (r) (9462)



Three years on and still in hiding: Salman Rushdie (9.30pm) 9.30 Arens. On the third soniversary of Salman Rushdie's death sentence a gathering of international writers and artists re-essent the importance of free expression (28443)

10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (839509)

11.15 What the Papers Say (781356). Weles: Wales in Westminster 11.30 Scrutiny, Ian MacWhirfer reports on the progress of parliamentary committees (54379). Wales 11.45-12.00 What the Papers Say

12.00 Weather (7019080)
12.05em Film: The House of Bernarda Albe (1987). Effective screen

version of Frederico Garcia Lorca's play about a grieving widow who sentences her five unmarried daughters to eight years of mourning after the death of their father. Starting irene Gutterrez. Cabs, Ana Belen and Florinda Chico. Directed by Mario Camus. In Spenish with English subtitles (500283). Ends at 1.50

ITV

6.00 TV-am (9478801) 9.25 Keynotes. Music quiz for teams, hosted by Alistair Divall (1292443) 9.55 Thames News (4231240)

10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . Topical discussion series (2667379)
10.40 This Morning: Magazine series on family matters (3951627)
12.10 Reinbow. Educational fun for the very young (2667269)
12.30 News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (6712627) 1.10

Thames News (53655530) 1.20 Home and Away (Oracle) (97578559) 1.50 A Country Practice

2.20 Highway to Heaven. Jonathan (Michael Landon), the apprentice angel, comes to the aid of a television anchorman (Robert Culp)

angel, comes to the sid of a television enclionnest (nocen colp) with a drug problem (8001153)

3.15 ITN News headlines (8825646) 3.20 Thames News headlines (882559) 3.25 The Young Doctors (8238998)

3.55 Cartoon featuring Road Runner (r) (7686795) 4.05 Tiny Toon Adventures. Cartoon series (8561578) 4.25 Truckers. Animated adventures (637/172) 4.40 Woolf Adventures of a boy who turns into a depart the most hopproduce times. (Cracio) (s) (1096375)

into a dog at the most inopportune times. (Oracle) (s) (1086375) 5.10 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (5473559) 5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather (563559)
5.55 6 O'Clock Live. A Valentine's day special presented by Frank Bough. The guests include Maurean Lipman, Derek Nimmo and Jilly Cooper (315646) 6.55 The Day. A 29-year-old woman and a 33-year-old man prepare to meet each other for the first time through a dating agency (196820).

through a dating agency (198820)
7.00 Family Fortunes. Ouiz game show for family teams, hosted by Les Dennis (s) (8511)



Theatrical humour: McAutiffe, Preston and Campi (8.00pm) 8.00 Surgical Spirit,

Surgices spart.

© CHOICE: There might not have been many bets on Surgical

Spirit stretching to a fourth series but Peter Learmouth's hospital
cornedy has proved more resilient than its ingredients might
suggest. In essence the show offers little more than helpings of hospital barrier and a thirt of romanos between two of the surgeons. The plotting is often thin, as in tonight's episode when the imperious Shella (Nichola McAuliffe) decides to celebrate her decree his by playing taped music in the operating theatre. But if the sum of the show is nather less then its parts, these include consistently snappy dialogue and a raft of skilled performances. Surgical Spirit is by no means "the cutting edge of comedy" which the publicity claims but it chugs along enjoyably enough. The best advice is to Ignore the plots and relish the lines. (Oracle) (4559) Second Thoughts Acutely-observed connecty series starting James Bolam and Lynda Bellingham as couple contemplating

sames boast and cytoa beamgrain as couple contempanting marriage for the second time around. (Oracle) (s) (3066)

9.00 The Good Guys. Affable comedy drama about two men who share the same name, apartment and misadventures. Tonight the good Guys are asked to help Lotthouse's niece who is convinced that her dead sister has been murdered and did not commit whether Standard Keith Basson Market House and Michael Tournel. suicide. Starring Keith Barron, Nigel Havers and Michael Jayston.

10.00 News at Ten with Trevor MecDoneld and Flone Armstrong (Oracle) Weather (773269) 10.35 LWT News and weather (343065)

10.40 The London Programme. Trevor Philips investigates the difficulties posed by residential parking in the capital (100559) 11.15 My Riviers. Actor Jemes Coburn talks about the solventages of

11.15 My Avera. Actor James Coourn takes about the advantages of living near Cannes (763511)

11.45 Dial Midnight. The first of a new phone-in series presented by Anastasia Cooke and Samantha Norman, including a dating service and a resident psychio (284608)

1.05 The James Whale Radio Show. The abresive chat show host insuits more intrepid phone callers (s) (5054592)

2.10 Atherican Gladistors. Fests of strength and ingenuity for both 150 Atherican Gladistors.

sexes (6387689)

3.05 ChemAttractions. The latest news from the American film scene (16549009) 3.35 Raw Power. Rock videos (1429347)
4.35 Kojak. The New York policemen gathers evidence to convict a drugs dealer of murder. Starring Telly Sevates (4364486)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Brends Rowe (58931). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Dally (9476443) 9.25 Schools (94680085) The Parliament Programme presented by Sarah Baxter, includes Sir Robin Day interviewing the Labour party employment

spokesman Tony Blair (37612) 12.30 Business Daily. The latest news from the world's money markets (20795)

1.00 Sessine Street. Early learning entertainment (58578) 2.00 Film: Footsteps in the Dark (1941, b/w) starring Errol Flynn. A lighthearted mystery about a banker who moonlights as a thriller. writer and turns his hand at solving the murder of a jewel thief. With Brenda Marshall, Raiph Bellamy and Alan Hale. Directed by Lloyd Bacon (833269) 3.45 Eidehvelss. Animation from Bulgaria (6873578)

4.00 Travelog. Robert Elms explores Denmark (r). (Teletext) (s) (578)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley and Carol Vorderman with another

nound of the words and numbers game (482)
5.00 But He Loves Me. Teenage drama following the off-on romance between a 16-year-old and a somewhat violent classmate. Staming Kelli Williams and Donovan Leich (7796646) 5.50 Home Improvement. Plasticine animation from The Netherlands

(878269) (07 octob)

6.00 Happy Days. Nostalgic high-school comedy set in 1950s Milwaukee. Starring Henry Winkler and Suzi Quatro (627)

6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross (207)

7.00 Channel 4 Name with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext)

Weather (947849) 7.50 First Reaction (123801)



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Will she, won't shef: Sinbad proposes to Marcia (8.00pm) 8:00 Brookside. Soap set in suburban Merseyside. Tonight Sinbad plucks up courage for a Valentine's day marriage proposal to Marcia. Starring Michael Starke and Cheryl Maiker. (Teletaxt) (s)

(5801)
Cuizbowi. Sports quiz between members of the sports desk of national newspapers. This week the Observer's finest meet their counterparts from the News of the World. Will Buckley is the

question-master (s) (1608)

9.00 Cheers. Sem and Rebecca leave the confines of the Cheers bar to contemplate parenthood, Starring Kiratie Alley and Ted Danson. (Teletext) (s) (4530)

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9.30 Hour Does Your Garden Grow? In the lest of the entertaining series Philip Wood and David Wilson explore the Ballymena, Co Antrim, garden of Margaret and Louis Glynn with its collection of rere, curious and beautiful plants and flowers. (Teletext) (40559) 10.00 Dream On. American adult comedy following the romantic escapades of a middle-eged publisher (Brian Benben) coming to terms with bachelorhood after his 12-year marriage ends in divorce. This week he receives a shock when he discovers that his

latest love is a former porn star. (Teletext) (s) (764511)

10.35 Whose Line is it Anyway? Off the out humour hosted by Citys Anderson (809627)
11.05 The Word. Music, news and interviews from the world of

entertainment (s) (759019)

12.05em Film: Phantom of the Paradise (1974) starring Paul Williams and Jessica Harper. Playful rock homor movie combining elements of The Phantom of the Opera and the Faustfable, directed by Brian De Palma (886115)

1.45 Tonight with Jonethan Rose (r) (a) (20738). Ends at 2.15

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6,00em World Service: World News; 6,09 News
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RADIO 3

5.55am Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Donizetti
(Ballet music, L'assadio di
Calais); Tchalicovsky (ValueScherzo in A. Op 7);
Boellmann (Symphonic
Variations) 7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont); Bach
(Concarto for oboe d'amora,
strings and continue, BWV
1055); Britten (Ballad of Green
Broom, Five Flower Songs, Op
47); Prokofiev (Cinderells —
excerpts); Mortéclair (If
despetto in smora) 8.30 News
8.35 Composera of the Week;
Janacék (Symphonic poem,
Bellad of Blank; Jeruria, Act II)
9.35 Portom Hopels: Music about
loss and tragic love, with a
hint of melochama. Lindey (Alast
for the Day; My Poor Heart);
Jackson (Let No Mortal Sing to
Me); Mozart (Overture, Cosi
lan tutte: Staatskapelle
Dresden under Hans Vorik);
Schield (Te Only Me); fan tutter Staatskapelle Dresden under Hans Vonlo; Schield (Tis Only No Hama: Hope and Love); Brahms (Sextet in G. Op 36; Amadeus Quartet, with Ceoll Aronowitz, vota, William Pleeth, cello; Smith (Content); Saiomon; (Why Still before Those Streaming Eyes); Prokofiev (Before Parting, Romeo and Juliet: Oslo PO under Maries Jansona); Scheltey (The Erith)

Jansons); Scheticy (The Echo); Webbe (The Death of the Common Soldier); Dowland (Fortorne Hope Fancy; Julian Bream); Pinto (Invocation to Nature; The Distress'd Mother) Rachmaninov and Tchalkovsky: BBC Singers; BBC Symphony Chorus; BBC SO under David Atherton perform Tchaikovsky (Symphonic fantsay; Francesca da Rimini, Piano Concerto No 3); Rachmaninov (Francesca da Rimini —

Music: The pienist José
Feghali plays Schumann
(Arabeske in C); Kenneth
Leighton (Flve Studies, Op
22); Debussy (L'iste joyeuse);
Nazareth (Odeon; Apanhe) tecavaquinho; Escorregendo; Brejeiro); Liszt (Mephisto Waltz No 1) 2.00 Soundings (r) 3.00 BBC Scottish SO under

George Hurst performs Barber (Essay No 1); Beethoven (Symphony No 6)

3.36 Debut: Robert Buckland, sexophone, Peter Lawson, pieno, perform Muczynski (Sonata for alto sexophone): R.R. Bennett (Sonata for

soprano saxophone); Dave Heath (Out of the Cool) Youth Orchestras of the World: The Katowice Music High School Big Band perform their set from the 1991 Abordeen International Youth Festival 5.00 Malaby for Pleasure: Music

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5.00 Mainty for Pleasure: Music for Valentine's day
8.30 Cool and Crezy: The third of four programmes in which the American trumpeter and somposes Shorty-Rogers talks to Alyn Shipton 7.00 News
7.06 Third Ear: Protessor Syediana Alpers of the University of California talks about her approach to looking at Dutch reside partiting
7.30 RIAS Chamber Cholit; National Philamonic Wind Ensemble under Marcus Cread performs Bloch (Exaltabo ta): Petrassi (Mottetti per la Passione); Augustyn (Sub Love); Pärt (Magnificat Antiphons); Stravinsky (Mass): Henze (Orpheus befind the Wire)
9.05 Edite (or The Bost Will Not Return) (PM only from 9.25); First heard as part of Radio 3's Japanese sesson, the lafe Robert Eddison portrays Zaami Motokiyo, the founder of the Japanese Noh Theafre, in a play-written by Lim Poh Sim (r)
9.25 5.00 m Cricket (MW only): New Zealand v England. The third one-day international from Christofrusch
9.45 Amsterdam Barroque
Orchestra (FM only) under Ton Koopman, happichord, performs Hayoln (Symphony No 83 in G minor, La Poule; Herpsichord Concerto in D, H XVII 11). 10.30 Hayon Listens In, Peter Barker reads from Albert Christoph Dies's

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11.35 am Composers of the Week: Schubert (r) 1.90-2.25 Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland) (as Radio 5 at 9am)

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RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, Incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, Incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55

9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs; Sue
Lawley's castaway is the
comic actor Robbie Contrane

(s) (r) 9.45 Reedback, with Chris Dunkley 10.00-10.30km Murder Most Foul 18.00-10.30km Munder Most Foul (FM only): The Bloody Thumbprint: Nick Rose narrates the final munder case in which forensic evidence helped to trap the killer. Arr elderly couple have been bettered to death. Written by Frederick Bradnum (s) 18.00 News; Dally Service (I.W only)

10.15 The Bible (LW only): Te. 15 The state (LW only):
Ecclesiasies, Robert Stephens
reads the first of two parts (s)
10.36 Women's Hour examines the
enduring appeal of Romeo
and Juliet, Jasper Contan
talks about his stage
costumes; plus features on
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1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Classic Serial: Under
Western Eyes. Second of a
two-part dramptisation of
Joseph Conrad's novel set in
pre-revolutionary flussia (s) (r)
3.00 News; Special Assignment:
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John Paley gauges the reaction of people in Belfast to the recent increase in violence 3.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde profiles Fay Weldon, the author of The Life and Loves of a Sha Deal of a She-Devil

4.05 Keisidoscope watches the Royal Ballet perform William Forsythe's dance work; meets the country and western singer Garth Brooks; and

reviews Hayden Herrera's book, The Psintings of Frida Kahlo (s) 5 Short Story: The White Catis © CHOICE: Many Planagen's Valentine's day love story is set in a faunderette. Not the most conventionally romantic venue. But then, this is not a conventionally romantic love a conventionally romantic love. conventionally romantic love story. So, setting and style go hand in hand, and Afice Amold shows how well she understands this by the way she reads this tale of the

escape from life with "a narrow-shouldered cover narrow-shouldered geyeer with a fat burn and completion like comed beef." Mary Flanegen is rather good at word nichter food at word pictures (r) 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 6.00 Stx O'Clock News

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employment secretary; Ludovic Kennedy, writer and broadcaster; and Clare Short, NP
8.50 Law in Action
9.15 Kateldoscope: Mission
Impossible. Tim Mariow finds
out what makes great art (s)

9.45 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooks 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig (s) 10.45 A Book at Bactirne: The Blindfold Horse, Memories of a Persian childhood, written and

read by Shusha Guppy (5 of 10) (s) 11.00 Week Ending: A satirical 11.00 Week Ending: A saffical review of the week's news (s)
11.25 The Financial Week, with Nigcl Cassidy (s)
11.45 Today in Partament 12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weether 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 World Service (LW only)

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